



BRIEFS

Correction

An article in Thursday's edition of *The East Carolinian* entitled "Financial Aid Implementing Policy" contained information which may have been misleading.

Students who have exceeded the 110 percent of hours that are required for their degrees are subject to the state's surcharge rules and surcharges will be added to their cashier billing statement.

The registrar determines those who are subject to state mandated tuition surcharges and charges tuition.

The Financial Aid Office determines whether a course is eligible or not eligible for receiving financial aid based on repeated coursework legislation.

The repeated coursework legislation went into effect for terms after July 1, 2011 and states that for a particular course to count toward "full time enrollment" it must not be one that was previously attempted and successfully completed with a grade of "D" or better more than once.

Since the summer of 2008, an 80 percent completion rate has been in place.

Aid is denied to students who fall below a 2.00 grade point average or the 80 percent completion rate, which is calculated by dividing hours completed by hours attempted.

Consortia agreements, which are contracts between two colleges or universities that recognize the registration of a student at both institutions for financial aid reasons, must be completed prior to the beginning of the semester a student wishes to take classes at ECU and another college.

In addition, the photograph accompanying the article was actually taken in the Cashier's Office, not the Financial Aid office.

Greenville woman tries to drown son in bathtub

Staff Reports

Shaquia Powell, the mother of a six-year-old boy, is accused of attempting to drown him in a bathtub on Friday.

According to Greenville Police, Powell, 25, reportedly tried to forcibly hold the boy underwater and then contacted a neighbor and told him of the attempt, reported WITN. The neighbor called police and contacted members of Powell's extended family.

Police did not find the child physically injured, but Powell was arrested and taken to the Pitt County Detention center where she is being held without bond.

The case remains under investigation.

Former student appears in court for murder

Staff Reports

Former ECU student Kevin Kleber, 26, appeared in a Pitt County Court on Monday for the murder of his father, Roy Kleber.

According to WITN, Kleber pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is currently undergoing sentencing.

Kevin shot and killed Roy Kleber in his apartment at University Park more than a year ago, but told police a black man had done it before admitting to the murder.

Tuition increase approved for next year

Caitlin Hunnicutt
STAFF WRITER

The university has approved a 9.3 percent fee increase for the 2012-2013 school year, making the total cost of in-state tuition and fees about \$5,813.

The current tuition for the 2011-2012 school year is \$5,364 for full-time, in-state resident students.

"Combined (student fees and tuition), it is a 9.5 percent increase for undergraduate residents. For undergraduate non-residents and all graduate students, it's a 9.9 percent

increase," said Josh Martinkovic, SGA president.

The UNC Board of Governors approved the increase of tuition and fees on Friday, Feb. 10. The approval makes tuition in the lowest one-quarter among its peer colleges that are similar in size, according to ECU media advisory.

ECU's approved tuition increase is less than that of five other schools in the UNC system, including Appalachian State, UNC-Greensboro,

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Tuition & Fees

	Undergrad		Graduate	
	In-State	Out-of-State	In-State	Out-of-State
08-09	\$4,186	\$14,700	\$4,667	\$14,983
09-10	\$4,327	\$15,161	\$4,831	\$15,147
10-11	\$4,789	\$16,871	\$5,046	\$15,733
11-12	\$5,364	\$17,943	\$5,573	\$16,369
*12-13	\$5,813	\$19,611	\$6,124	\$17,989

* estimated

Committee requests feedback



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Student class sizes will grow after tuition is increased for the upcoming year, and more courses will be cut from the university's curriculum due to budget cuts.

Melanie Jock
STAFF WRITER

The Program Prioritization Committee is asking for feedback from faculty and staff on The White Paper, which is the latest draft for restructuring the university on Feb. 15.

The committee, chosen by Chancellor Steve Ballard in April 2011, is responsible for researching and suggesting reorganization strategies to better the university's framework.

Professor Ron Mitchelson, chair of the committee, said that he has already seen mixed reactions from various members of the academic

community.

"Any time you suggest change might be coming, it makes people anxious. A lot of emails do reflect the anxiety of the change," said Mitchelson. "I think it's good; we have to know all of this."

Provost and committee member Marilyn Sheerer has seen similar reactions and encourages the academic community to provide its thoughts on the options.

"We're very honest; we really want to know how people view the ideas," said Sheerer. "We do want people to tell us yes and no. We want it to be a more open process."

Mitchelson said the community appreciates

the openness of the PPC throughout the course of development.

"Many people respect the process and that we're doing it and it's visible and not behind closed doors," said Mitchelson. "Many people are appreciative and respectful of the process. Whatever the feedback is, it is, and we'll take it into consideration very strongly. We pride ourselves on listening carefully."

Throughout the month, the PPC encourages the different schools to hold forums to

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Race to the Ballot is on the way to ECU

Abbey Way
STAFF WRITER

The Race to the Ballot campaign team has trailed one woman as she runs more than 300 miles across North Carolina to raise awareness of the potential harms of Amendment One, widely known as the Anti-LGBT Marriage Amendment. This Thursday, Jen Jones, the director of Protect NC Families, and her team will stop on ECU's campus.

"Our campus serves the larger region of Eastern North Carolina, and this being the case, the causes against discrimination, promoting educated voting and equality can be helped by a visit to our campus," said Alex Anders, president of the ECU GLBTSU. "ECU is in many ways a pioneer in the eastern part of the state."

Chris Womack, a sophomore and the Equality NC Student Ambassador, along with the ECU GLBT Student Union and Coalition to Protect NC Families has a free event planned to host the Race to the Ballot team at Wright Auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m.

"Tons of local businesses will be there selling food and crafts, as well as other stuff," said Womack.

There will also be a performance by the ECU Bhangra Team, a jazz routine, a tap routine, a drumline routine and drag performances.

"I am going to Race to the Ballot not only to support voting on Amendment One, but to enjoy a great show as well," said Katy Ross, a senior communication major. "Others should come to see this phenomenal show and to learn more about their voting rights in the May voting on Amendment One."

One of the goals of the Race to the Ballot team is to have "(one) million conversations with North Carolinians about the impacts of this discriminatory measure," according to the organization's website.

"The amendment is discriminatory against LGBT people and it strips domestic partner benefits that municipalities and state institutions provide," said Womack.

Not only does this amendment bar same-sex marriages in North Carolina, but it also prohibits the recognition of domestic legal union outside of the bonds of heterosexual marriage.

Children who have same-sex

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SGA judicial board resigns, changes occur

Cameron Gupton
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Earlier in February, at least half of the Student Government Association's judicial branch resigned from their positions.

According to current SGA President Josh Martinkovic, the resignations might have stemmed from a decision that was made earlier in the same week.

That decision was to introduce a new candidate for the open position of chief justice, but not all members approved the candidate.

While an alternate candidate was being interviewed, members of the branch decided to go forward with their resignations.

Martinkovic suggested that previous issues within the branch peaked with the disapproval and may have led to the resignations. "We're trying to refill the positions and we have a lot of candidates," said

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SGA will see more changes this year.

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The Vote Against Project is coming to Greenville. Turn to Lifestyles to learn about it! **A4**

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Softball held off a late rally by Hofstra. Turn to Sports to read all about it. **A6**

WEATHER

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ONLINE



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Students repeating classes for third time may be denied financial aid

Jennifer Soares
NEWS EDITOR

On July 1, 2011 Congress and the Department of Education put into affect a policy regarding repeated coursework legislation. At ECU, financial aid will not be rewarded to students attempting a class for the third time after previously passing with a "D" or better.

"Repeat Coursework and Definition of Fulltime" is the official title of the new policy. This policy states that if a student repeats a class for the third time and has already passed it they will not have federal grants or loans for that course and it will not count toward the full-time classification. These rules will affect students who received a "D" on a course they specifically need a grade of "C" or higher in.

If a student takes a course twice and fails the class both times he or she can repeat the course for a third time and still receive financial aid.

Director of Financial Aid Julie Poorman stated that when the rule went into effect, the financial aid department complied with the federal requirement immediately and implemented the policy.

During the upcoming Fall Semester when ECU switches to a plus minus system, a "D-" will still be considered passing by University standards.

The Financial Aid office had all of the software loaded on to the system on Jan. 22 and into the banner system in preparation for the Summer and Fall 2012 registration.

Poorman said that they are working with Chris Stansbury, interim executive director of marketing for academic and student affairs to make students aware of the changes. "We are trying to raise awareness (of the changes). We are trying to catch it earlier and not after the fact."

Some classes such as special topics courses, which are always under the same course number but offer different topics, are not subject to the requirement.

Due to a reporting and photographer error, the article entitled "Financial Aid implementing policy" and photograph were incorrect.

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Martinkovic.

The chief justice position has been filled, but interviews for associate justice positions are currently underway.

The new chief justice won "Justice of the Year" last year and will be confirmed next week. She has already been approved by Patrick Edwards, an advisor to the SGA.

As for the associate justice positions, there have been many students who showed interest in filling the empty slots.

Thirty-three students have applied, but eight did not meet the requirements, leaving only 25 remaining.

In order to participate in SGA, specific require-

ments must be met, including undergraduate status and an acceptable grade point average as determined by the association.

"Even though it was a result of the resignations, it's good to see so many people applying for the positions," said interior design major Kari Michalko. "It's good to know that students are paying attention to SGA."

In order to mitigate some of the issues within SGA, Martinkovic will be working on a constitutional interpretation to fix the balance of powers between the branches within the association.

Along with the interpretation, Martinkovic wants to

instate checks and balances so that one branch does not gain too much power. "When you don't have the foundation, problems like this arise," said Martinkovic.

Martinkovic hopes that the new changes will help to promote student involvement in the association. "We like having as many people as possible involved in SGA," said Martinkovic.

According to Martinkovic, the main goal of the changes that are occurring within the association are to, "open it back up."

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parents are now also at risk of losing health insurance.

"Children covered by parents whose employers extend health insurance access to same-sex couples could be stripped of health insurance, due to companies not being able to recognize such cou-

ples," Anders said.

Amendment One was passed by the North Carolina House and Senate in September but will not go into vote until May 8. There will, however, be early voting sites available on campus at Minges Coliseum in room

143, April 23-27, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More information about the campaign and videos can be found at racetheballot.com.

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UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University.

"I think it would be more fair to raise in-state tuition more than out of state," said Erin Sullivan, sophomore construction management and interior design major. "I feel like it's unfair of me to say that just in-state tuition go up instead of out of state, but we already pay so much more than in-state."

Thirty-three percent of the total revenue from the tuition increase will go to need-and-merit-based financial aid. The remaining revenue, which is \$9.4 million, will fund programs to enhance student learning, such as hiring new faculty and restoring sections cut by

budget cuts, according to the ECU media advisory.

"There are 66,000 students on financial aid (in the UNC system), and the university with the most students on need-based financial aid is ECU," said Martinkovic. "Being a university that supports a lot of first generation students, like myself, I've gotten a lot of opportunities that are going to help my professional career, and if we keep having these increases, it might limit the students who don't have the most wealthy backgrounds from coming to college. We want people to know we're working as hard as we can to let people at the state level know that there are a lot of students who feel the same way."

The state legislature cut funding for need-based financial aid by \$35 million for the 2011-2012 year, and the tuition increase will make up part of that. ECU also lost \$49 million to state budget cuts for the 2011-2012 year, according to the ECU media advisory.

The university's SGA program, as well as other SGA programs that are part of the UNC system, are working on ways to incorporate other means of increasing finances without increasing student tuition, according to Martinkovic.

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discuss the different reorganization options that The White Paper contains. Faculty and staff within the Divisions of Academic Affairs, Health Sciences, and Research and Graduate studies are invited to complete an online survey, which allows the PPC to hear feedback as well as hear other suggestions the faculty and staff may have.

"We really need the help of the faculty and staff who are directly affected, so that's who's getting an invitation to the survey," said Mitchelson. "What we want is enough feedback from them about these change items, enough

feedback so that we can say 'well this probably won't work on our campus, there's too much of a reaction to it.'"

The PPC is currently in Phase II of the year-long analysis. Phase I was completed in January with the release of the PPC's self-study. According to Mitchelson, Phase I focused on the productivity, quality and centrality of the academic departments and the programs within.

Since analyzing and making necessary recommendations, the PPC has taken on the challenge of restructuring the university based on the research con-

ducted in Phase I.

The suggestions were released in The White Paper, which lists 56 possible changes to academic structure, including options for divisional-level, collegiate-level and departmental-level changes. Mitchelson said the positive feedback would be taken into consideration to build the items together, creating possible scenarios for change.

The scenarios formed will be presented no later than March 30 and will include the possible financial situations that would be created.

"They won't necessarily all save money. That's not the only goal here," said Mitchelson. "The goal is to better the university, and that could mean putting two units together to collaborate more closely if they were perhaps in the same college."

Second-degree senior nutrition science major Natria Smith believes that collaborating would benefit the university's students.

"I think it's a good idea to restructure because when you merge people together, it creates community and support," said Smith. "It makes people more interactive."

Mitchelson said the PPC is looking for a collaborative environment, to improve the university.

Although feedback is being asked from faculty and staff directly affected by the suggested changes, student comments are encouraged.

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I threw a pair of shoes on a power line for the first time yesterday. It was epic.

The ECU North Face Ugg Slut has seemed to have evolved into the Patagonia Legging Tramp this semester.

It is a symphony of sucking snot in class.

Dear Siri: when my phone is on silent that means I don't want to talk to you. Especially in class.

That moment when you hear "Bad to the Bone" in a restaurant and expect Pee Dee the Pirate to come out of nowhere.

Is it sad that I just found my professor's mugshot on a local Greenville site?

I flashed a cab driver for a free ride home. Cheers to senior year!

Building forts are for kids. My roommates and I are building a castle!

Is it just me, or does Greenville need some snow?

Rain or shine, ECU parking people will fine.

Jeremy Lin, who says Asians can't drive.

Sorry, I can't have sex with you when I'm drunk because I'll yell out the wrong name.

Booty calls should never have classes together. It should be some sort of rule.

There needs to be more positive Pirate Rants. Doesn't anyone just want to go off on how great their day was?

What does squirrel poop look like? Cuz you'd think ECU would be covered in it.

Hey automatic toilets, I'm not done taking my sh** yet. So stop flushing every twenty seconds, if it's not a bidet my a** shouldn't be getting wet.

PUBLISH ALL THE PIRANT RANTS!

Assistant TO the Regional Manager.

Student Health... worse than the DMV.

Grammar: It shows the difference between knowing your s*** and knowing you're s***.

Can't wait for baseball season so I can start sporting my Phillie's yoga pants!

@callie_co: "Drinking ticket from ALE, check. Used grade replacement, check. Following a squirrel and a banana on Twitter, check. #ECU"

@SuperGlewed: "I would tweet yall so hard. But, then I remembered...its not anonymous. #almostgotme"

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WEB POLL

Do you think off-campus emergency lights would make Greenville safer?

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Blue lights: guiding Pirates to safety



Rex Rose
OPINION COLUMNIST
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Freshman Communication Major

Throughout the daily trek across campus from class to class, I constantly pass the Emergency Blue-Light Phones with the potent urge to press the red button.

However, the moment I step off university property, the lights and the sense of safety they promote disappear.

This year, the amount of crime on and around campus has students and teachers alike talking and parents back home worrying. Needless to say, safety has been an issue, and ECU and Greenville must work together.

The idea of pressing any of the approximately 100 emergency buttons that exist on campus and having police respond directly to the location is comforting. The only problem is, they can only benefit where they exist, and they exist only on campus.

According to a University of Georgia study, cited in my Health 1000 lesson, 93 percent of crimes occur off campus. So is campus even the best place for the lights?

I believe, when solving any problem, it is important to determine who should be held responsible for a solution. In this case, it's both ECU and the city of Greenville. Students who live off campus are subject to the most crime, and this should be a concern for both because many residents are in Greenville strictly because of the university.

By simply taking the idea of the Emergency Blue-Light Phones that exist on campus and applying them to areas throughout Greenville, people may be forced to think twice before committing a crime.

For those students living on the grid, the area south of campus between Fifth Street and the Tar River, the emergency lights could be very beneficial. A late-night walk home from the library or the drunken stumble from downtown can be scary trips for students.

While the emergency phones are affective simply because they allow access to police at any given moment, they also provide a sense of safety. This feeling of security only makes citizens more confident and discourages anyone with malicious intent from hanging around a certain area, unless that criminal enjoys the glow of blue on his or her face.

In short, the lights would promote security and deter miscreants. It's the same as having security stickers in your windows or a father cleaning his gun when a teen-aged boy picks up the man's daughter for a date. The Emergency Blue-Light Phones would allow the police to have a presence in areas that they are not physically in and a psychological presence in everyone's mind.

I know the word "funding" usually causes a mild heart attack, but I hope the idea of being robbed and attacked scares a little more. A partnership between ECU and Greenville would be a great way to promote safety.

Funded by tuition and taxes, and headed up by ECU and the Greenville Police Department, a



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project to install emergency lights in high crime and dimly lit areas would be an ideal way to combat the problem. Not only would the lights increase safety, but also the idea of the two biggest institutions in Greenville coming together to fight crime would only increase the sense of safety among residents

and students alike.

I think everyone in Greenville has had enough news of violence and crime this year, it's time some good news is covered.

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Artwalking

Spreading culture through Greenville



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OPINION COLUMNIST

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North Carolina, for all its glories, is not famous for the arts. If you want to immerse yourself in artworks by Da Vinci and Rodin, you better travel to a grander metropolis than Charlotte or Greensboro.

But our state is not the backwoods either, and when I found out that a Rembrandt exhibit was planned for the state Museum of Art, I leapt at the chance to go.

And yet, after closely examining some hundred portraits of dignified Dutchmen, I was taken with the same feeling of disappointment I have felt at every major museum I have ever visited. There is a part of me that wants to be exalted when I encounter art. I want to have my senses overwhelmed by beauty; I want to experience rapture when I come face to face with the great masters ... yet I never do. And I have come to believe that the problem is the museum itself.

The art museum is a curious institution. I can't help but think of it as a modern temple: where we once entered a cathedral to infuse ourselves with the power of God, now we stroll through Museum of Modern Art or the Met in order to enjoy of the power of art. But the

museum has become a mausoleum; we dress up and file respectfully past artworks as though we are humbly passing the coffins of the dead.

Now imagine for a second the metal works which dot our campus, or the artwork you find hanging on the walls of your coffee shop. These are not the "high" works of art that are to be found in the Louvre, but they offer a moment's interest in the course of everyday life. The eye is attracted to them over and over again, where there could have been nothing but brick or barren wall space. I would wager that I have taken far more pleasure from such works than I've ever had from the Vermeers and Hokusais which I've seen with my own eyes, simply because they were integrated into my life.

Art does not need the pretensions of being a religious experience, and we needn't obsess over artistic genius. Art is best when it is colorful, wacky, weird and spontaneous: a wicked spot of fun in what could otherwise be a humdrum world. This is why the hooligans that spray-painted those abandoned railcars on Memorial Drive have done a greater kindness to me than all the Botticellis of the world, as has the artist who has lined Dickenson Avenue with rusting statues of Don Quixote and elephants on wheels.

By extracting all of the great art

and placing it in a museum, we are diminishing its value by removing it from the context of living, by requiring one to make a pilgrimage to see it. And what of those who do make the trip? The endless assault of painting after painting tends to dull the mind and bludgeon the senses. The value of each masterpiece is dimmed by placing it in such close proximity to other masterpieces.

I will make a proposition:

Let us empty out the museums and place art among the people. Shoppers will contemplate David as they wend their way to the food court,

Polynesian war canoes will be found at high schools and works of abstract art hung on the walls of the DMV. The art museum will become something like a visitor's center. Curators will be hired to find beautiful and vibrant contexts in which to place artwork; interested persons will be given maps of the community with directions to all pieces of interest. A person's

memory of art will be forever intertwined with a city, a living and breathing community. And I can imagine the museum guide leaning in: "Now, the cheesesteak joint by the Pieta," he whispers, "is not to be missed".

If such a museum is possible, Greenville is already halfway there. The Artwalk, organized by the folks at Uptown Greenville for the first Friday of each month, is more of a romp through the city than a solemn homage to art. Artists have opened up the sanctuaries of their studios: the coffeepots, the sawdust on the floor and half-completed projects lying about are a sure indication of art in process; there is a gritty reality to this which is never seen in the pristine shine of the museum. Bluegrass musicians play at the UBE; the Art Avenue grooves to funk. But the most interesting things are seen through the windows of the "Jolly Trolley" itself: the streets of Greenville, bathed in the red light of dusk.

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Let us empty out the museums and place art among the people.

POLL RESULTS

Do you think Jeff Lebo is doing a good job as head coach?

Yes 76%

No 24%

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21 -April 19)

Expect to get last-minute help just when you need it the most. Make sure your lines of communication are wide open, as people may use eccentric tools to try to get in touch with you.



Taurus (April 20 -May 20)

It's not a great time for you to shake things up — you need to just chill out and stick to whatever has worked for you in the past. Soon enough, you can try new things and see how they work.



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

Your big brain is super-charged right now, so make the most of it! New ideas are coming freely, and you should be able to break down problems into their component parts pretty easily.



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

You've got to deal with emotional problems in practical ways today, which is kind of a drag but still vital. Once the day is done, you can move on and get back to your honest emotions.



Leo (July 23 -August 22)

Your ability to sit quietly and wait for life to catch up with you is what determines today's success or failure. Patience is a serious virtue, so make sure you're feeling centered.



Virgo (August 23 -Sept 22)

You're feeling more open than usual to new ideas — even the craziest ones! Now is a great time to embrace change and to push for more from your friends and coworkers. Great things can happen!



Libra (September 23 -October 22)

Your ability to sit quietly and wait for life to catch up with you is what determines today's success or failure. Patience is a serious virtue, so make sure you're feeling centered.



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

You should expect some trouble on the home front today — things are getting kind of weird with family or roommates, but the good news is that this crisis can have a seriously cool outcome.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Big ideas are making the rounds today, so see if you can get your people to share theirs with you. It's a two-way street, of course, so make sure that you're also talking up your biggest notions.



Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

Try not to shut anyone down today, but your natural skepticism should be out in force — and that's a good thing! At least one crackpot scheme needs to be evaluated for flaws, and only you can do so.



Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

You've got great energy today, and you should find that you can handle almost any problem. See if you can get your people to let you take the lead on most projects, but you may just have to go your own way.



Pisces (Feb 19 -March 20)

You feel a bit optimistic today — but make sure that's not pushing you in unrealistic directions. You may need to consult with that one friend who always seems to know what's possible.



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Strike a pose and vote against

TJ Weaver
STAFF WRITER

On Sep. 13, 2011, the North Carolina Legislator passed an amendment that states, "Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state." The amendment not only affects same-sex couples, but all unmarried straight couples as well, prompting Raleigh-based photographer Curtis Brown to take action.

Unable to sit and watch any longer, Brown, 26, grabbed his camera and asked several friends to join him on a statewide mission to promote awareness of the amendment, and in October, The Vote Against Project was born.

"The amendment being passed was that final push for me to want to do something, because for a while, I was hoping that change would happen on its own," said Brown. "I wanted to do something creative, something that gave people an easy way to get involved. I got a team of friends together to talk about what we could do and it turned into The Vote Against Project."

On May 8, North Carolinians will be able to vote on the amendment, either making it a part of the state's constitution or making it a part of the past. From October 2011 until time to vote, Brown and his friends are giving North Carolinians a voice and an easy way to get involved. He is setting up free open-photo shoots around the state where people can wear "Vote Against" t-shirts and pose alone, with friends or with family.

"The picture stands as our platform. We upload the photos to our website and the participants upload the photos to their Facebook, Twitter or blog," said Brown. "When they post it, people ask questions and they want to know what they're voting against. And that sparks conversations. A photo really does speak louder than words."

Conversation, communica-

tion and education is exactly what The Vote Against Project strives to promote. But Brown fears that voters won't realize exactly what it is they're voting for. The amendment not only affects gay couples but will also affect thousands of unmarried straight couples and North Carolina's economy, should it enter the constitution.

According to The Vote Against website, the amendment would not only prohibit same-sex marriage, which is already prohibited, but also ban the state from instituting domestic partnership rights, prohibit North Carolina from passing legislation that would grant civil rights and strip the domestic partner insurance benefits currently offered to employees statewide.

"Whether you vote for it or against it, it's important to know what you're voting for," said Brown. "The amendment will affect our economy more than anything else. A lot of companies are going to pull out of North Carolina because they want their workers to have benefits and equal rights. It's a much bigger bill than people realize."

Brown says he believes in the power of the youth, and that's why he's taking the Vote Against Project to several universities across the state, including Western Carolina, UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State and ECU. This Thursday, Brown and his team will set up a photo shoot on the second floor lobby of Mendenhall Student Center from 1-5 p.m., taking pictures for free. The project only operates from donations, which covers t-shirts, traveling and overhead cost.

Musical theater major Bobby Cassell, who participated in the Vote Against Project back in Raleigh, plans on participating again on Thursday.



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Curtis Brown will be taking pictures of students on campus this week for The Vote Against Project, which promotes voting for same-sex marriage on May 8.

"As a photographer, Curtis knows how to make you comfortable," said Cassell. "He just enjoys getting people to laugh. Plus, his pictures are incredible, so the fact that he's not charging anything is amazing in itself."

Brown has seen an overwhelming amount of support for the project, from participants both young and old, gay and straight, and single and married. Often devoting 60-70 hours a week, the team behind it all feeds off the energy from those

involved.

"We, as the younger generation, need to start taking a stand," said Brown. "This is something that's going to affect the people of North Carolina. If people don't take the steps now, it's going to affect them in the future. It takes 10 minutes out of your life to get up and vote. The result? It can change your life forever."

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Following one unique band

Leila Falls
STAFF WRITER

Punk and funk jazzed with heavy metal ska is just one way describing the genre fusion that the band Fishbone has been rocking for the past 30 years.

"We wanted to make a film that, even if you're not a fan of the music, you would be interested in the story," said director Chris Metzler of the documentary "Everyday Sunshine: The Story of Fishbone," which is being brought to campus this Wednesday by the Student Activities Board and the Film Studies Program.

From rising gang tensions to drug wars, Fishbone pushed through a generation full of controversy.

"I was interested in the outsider status of these guys, they don't really fit in anywhere but everywhere at the same time," said University of Southern California alumnus Metzler of the motivations for the making of the film, which gets its name from Fishbone's hit song.

Fishbone members became school buddies after a desegregation plan moved South Central Los Angeles' black families to San Fernando Valley, where lead singer Angelo Moore bonded with the area newcomers (including bassist Norwood Fisher) over music.

"As kids they were already listening to Parliament-Funkadelic and Rick James on Black radio, but in the Valley they soon started rocking to Rush, Led Zeppelin and the emerging Southern California punk rock bands," states the film's website.

Their dream of pursuing rockstardom was a struggle amidst racial tensions, but they finished high school and moshed their way to groundbreaking musical innovation.



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'Everyday Sunshine: The Story of Fishbone', a documentary on the band Fishbone, will be screened on Wednesday.

"Through it all, they made it OK for black kids to slam dance, and brought the funk to the punk," states the website.

Fishbone still tours, playing festivals and the club scene. "They have lost some members but Moore and Fisher are still keeping the band together," said Metzler, who believes Fishbone has reached cult status.

The documentary features interviews with Flea, Gwen Stefani, Ice-T, George Clinton, Tim Robbins and other celebrities. Laurence Fishburne, who narrates the film, has been friends with the band since his days as a Hollywood club bouncer, saying he could relate to their struggle of black men trying to make it in the field of entertainment, states the website.

"Fishbone means so much to (these performers); they were excited to be involved," said Metzler, who enjoyed the collaborative efforts of working with these fans, including co-director and friend Lev Anderson.

"It involves a lot of patience to make a documentary, but it was a lot of fun working with a

band like Fishbone," said Metzler, who liked researching the historical aspects, but confesses it was a mind-blowing experience to film down in the slippery and sticky moshpits.

The first time Metzler screened the film, which took four years to complete, he felt nervous anticipation that quickly disappeared after hearing the first laugh. "They were happy (had some chuckles and laughs), but it was difficult for them to watch some surreal moments," said Metzler in regards to Fishbone's viewing of 30 years of life abridged into 90 minutes.

"These stories are about real people and real life. When something is real, offbeat and

unusual...I particularly enjoy it," said Metzler.

Metzler decided to pursue film after he found a connection to the storytelling nature of the art. "It's about finding your passion, persevering, and having patience," said the San Francisco resident who is heading to Greenville on Wednesday to discuss the film.

The screening will begin at 6:30 p.m. in room 244 in Mendenhall Student Center, followed by a panel discussion with professors Marc Faris, from the School of Music; Karen Zipp, from the History Department; and Ken Wyatt, from Cinematic Arts & Media Production.

"There's no band like Fishbone out there, so there's no film like this film," said Wyatt, who believes the event will be a cultural and unique experience especially with the college audience's opportunity to ask questions. "They cannot be categorized. One of the first bands to crowd surf. (They're) just wild risk-

10 ways to go green

TJ Weaver
STAFF WRITER

Biology graduate student Annie Dowling believes if everyone makes a conscience effort to recycle and conserve energy, the earth will experience better days a century from now.

"Everyone can step up and do their part in the green movement," said Dowling. "It just requires minor lifestyle changes that once you start, you can get used to really easily."

Here are 10 ways one can go green in his or her apartment:

1 Use Less Energy

According to the Energy Information Administration, the U.S. energy consumption sits at 101 quadrillion BTU, which is 20 percent of the world's total. Try decreasing energy usage by purchasing energy efficient light bulbs and reducing "phantom energy."

"Some appliances, TVs, DVD players, etc., will continue to pull electricity even if it's plugged in and powered off," said Dowling. "If I go out of town, I'll unplug everything in my house. Also, be mindful of turning your lights off when leaving a room."

2 Bike, Skateboard or Rollerblade

Instead of driving to the nearest store, try biking, rollerblading, skateboarding or walking. Not only will one save money on gas, but one can also promote a healthier lifestyle. Also, try not to take an empty car anywhere. Often friends will need to go to the same places, so ask if they'd like to join.

3 Buy Local

Buy local and support local businesses and farmers. Check out Greenville's farmer's market. Not only does this help the state's economy, but it also helps reduce fossil fuel and shipping costs.

"Buying locally cuts back on energy that has to be expended in some form or another, whether it's from a truck or a plane," said Dowling. "Why buy blueberries from Chile when people grow them here in N.C.?"

4 Reduce Paper Trails

Instead of printing a document, students can open a PDF on their iPads or laptops. One can also reduce his or her paper trail by receiving bills online rather than in the mail. For those with jobs, sign up for direct deposit. Any change goes a long way.

5 Recycle

Recycling is an easy option for all; however, many Americans choose not to do so, despite having easy access to recycling bins. Who said recycling can't be cool?

"Greenville actually has an amazing recycling program," said Dowling. "You can recycle everything from paper to plastic to aluminum to glass. Anything aside from plastic bags, which you can take to the grocery store."

6 Conserve Water Usage

"Use a timer to shorten your showers," says Dowling. "You get in and don't realize how much water goes down the drain. All of that water has to go to the water treatment plant, and the more water they have going through, the harder it is for them."

For \$30, one can also buy water-reducing faucets and showerheads that can reduce up to 20 percent of water usage.

7 Reduce Plastic Use

"As far as recycling, the process to produce plastic goods, which we have become super dependent on in the past century, is harmful to the environment," said Dowling.

Ways to reduce plastic use:
Buy a BPA-free water bottle instead of a 20-pack of disposable water bottles.
When shopping, use cloth bags instead of plastic bags.
Join the Plastic Challenge: Try using less plastic products each week.

8 Maintain a Constant Temperature

Cranking up the heat or A/C not only increases one's power bill, but also increases the amount of energy used. Turn the A/C or heater to auto, rather than turning it off and on. Also, in the winter, try cocking doors and windows in an effort to reduce the amount of heat that escapes.

9 Make Cleaning Supplies

One can make his or her own non-toxic cleaning products from several common ingredients: baking soda, peroxide, lemon and soap. Check online for numerous tips and instructions on how to mix them. Making cleaning products improves indoor air quality, and saves money and time.

10 Buy Natural Cosmetics

From natural eyeliners to natural shampoos and nail polish, it's out there. Many of the leading products contain harmful toxins (petroleum jelly synthetic dyes, formaldehyde), which are absorbed by the skin. The average lipstick wearer ingests seven pounds of lipstick in a lifetime. One can find natural cosmetics, shampoos and soaps from stores such as Target and Amazon.

"We need to have the foresight now so that our grandchildren's grandchildren will be able to enjoy the resources that we have now," said Dowling.

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A student goes green by recycling a water bottle on West End.



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takers," said Wyatt, who lived in Los Angeles during the rise of Fishbone.

The film's trailer features

a quote from Indie Wire that blatantly sums up the film, saying, "Let's be clear, this is no lame-a** behind the

music."

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Women's basketball falls to Tulsa

Staff Reports

Tulsa had a 26-5 advantage in free throw attempts Sunday and needed every last one as the Golden Hurricane escaped with a 75-70 win over ECU at the Reynolds Center. With the tough-luck loss, ECU drops to 8-18 overall and 2-11 in Conference USA play. Tulsa improves to 11-13 and 6-7.

The Pirates hit 28 of their 48 attempts from the field to shoot a season-best 58 percent while the Hurricane shot 38 percent but put up 63 tries and knocked down 24 field goals. Tulsa dominated the rebounding category, ending with a 39-24 advantage on the glass - including 22 offensive rebounds that turned into 25 important second-chance points.

ECU put in a campaign-best 11 three-point field goals and finished with a 55-percent showing from range. Despite some physical defense by the home team, the Pirates finished with just three free throws on the five attempts. Additionally, East Carolina racked up 20 assists with Celeste Stewart responsible for six of the helpers.

Sophomore Kristine Mial netted 14 points to lead the Pirates offensively and was joined in double figures by Charera Smith (11), Shala Hodges (11) and Stewart (10). Mial also picked up a team-best four rebounds and three steals. With two three-pointers made in the game, she has now hit a triple in 13-straight games.

ECU returns home Thursday, Feb. 23, hosting UCF at Mingos Coliseum. Tipoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Hitter-of-the-Week

Staff Reports

Tim Younger: senior, second basemen

Younger batted a team-best .667 during the Pirates perfect 3-0 opening weekend. The senior second baseman had a pair of multi-hit games, which included a perfect 3-for-3 performance in the series finale against Milwaukee. In the season opener he reached base three times going 2-for-3 and drew a walk.

During ECU's 16-1 win in game one of the Saturday doubleheader, he registered his lone hit in his first plate appearance, reaching on an infield single.

Pitcher-of-the-Week

Staff Reports

Kevin Brandt: senior, left hander

Brandt set the tone for the season opening sweep against Milwaukee tossing six and two-third shutout innings allowing just three hits, one walk while striking out nine in his first career opening day start. The southpaw faced two over the minimum and at one point retired 12 straight batters from second to sixth innings.

He also fanned four in a row from the last out of the second frame and all three batters faced in the third. Of the five batters that reached base, only one moved into scoring position, which came in the sixth inning. He threw 101 pitches with 72 strikes and picked up his 20th career win for the Pirates. To go with his nine punch outs, the fourth most in a start, he also induced four fly outs and six ground outs.

Pirates hold off Hofstra

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The softball team returned to action on Monday after the Sunday portion of the Pirate Clash was canceled due to inclement weather. The Pirates improved to 5-3 with a 4-3 victory over Hofstra (0-3).

Sarah Christian picked up her fifth start of the young season on Monday and moved to 4-1. The Pirate offense got started in the bottom of the second on a leadoff single by Alex Fieldhouse, who later scored on a Hofstra error to give ECU the early 1-0 lead. ECU's aggressive base running paid off a few batters later as a double steal scored Suzanne Riggs, with Jordan Lewis moving to second after her single.

Fieldhouse continued to pace the offense with a single that plated Kristi Oshiro in the third. Christian's day appeared to come to an end as she exited for Courtney Smith after posting four shutout innings, allowing four hits and stranding six Hofstra base runners. Courtney Crews crossed the plate on an ECU error to score Hofstra's first run in the top of the sixth. A Lewis double that knocked Jasmine Robbins in upped ECU's lead to 4-1 in the sixth.

Hofstra pulled within a run as Becca Bigler slammed a two-run home run to left center in the top of the seventh. Christian was then re-entered as the pitcher to get the final three outs.

The recent schedule with hosting tournaments has brought some difficulty for the team. "We're trying to tweak some things, and we haven't been able to practice since Thursday, so that was difficult," said coach Tracey Kee about the Pirate Clash.

ECU opened the Pirate Clash on Friday afternoon against No. 21 Louisville. The Cardinals had an answer for just about every pitch Smith threw at them. Louisville consistently hit the ball hard, but Smith was able to scatter a majority of the hits until the third inning. She ran into trouble and gave up three runs in the third as this would prove to be enough for the Cardinals, who received a multi-hit game from Jennifer Esteban



Alex Fieldhouse (12) charges down the first base line against Hofstra on Monday.

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Diamond Bucs sweep opener



Senior Kevin Brandt (35) tossed a shutout to open the season against Milwaukee on Friday at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

Adam Bunn
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Baseball returned to the Greenville area this weekend, and just as quickly as the Milwaukee Panthers got off the bus, the Pirates sent them back, completing a three-game sweep.

Due to a rainy forecast, ECU and Milwaukee were forced to play a double header on Saturday afternoon. Despite playing two games in one day, the two tilts were drastically different.

The Pirates dominated the first game, cruising to a 16-1 victory, while they had to mount a late-inning comeback to take the nightcap, 6-3.

"I'm very pleased, and it was two different type ball games," head coach Billy Godwin said following the game. "In game one, our guys just attacked the baseball and blew it open and took advantage of some of their mistakes. In game two, they went right at us and scored three ... (but) I didn't feel any sense of panic."

Austin Chrismon struggled from the start in the late

game. After getting out of early jams in the second and third innings, Chrismon ran out of luck in the fourth.

The trouble began with a slow roller to Jack Reinheimer at short that allowed Panther first baseman Paul Hoenecke to reach safely. The next two batters would record hits, with Will Fadness knocking a double down the line and Sam Koenig firing an RBI single that scored Hoenecke from third.

The damage was not done yet though, as Nick Lingvay and Mitch Ghelfi recorded RBI groundouts to short before relief pitcher Tyler Joyner ended the inning by striking out Milwaukee's Mark Strey.

While Chrismon struggled, Joyner was dominant in relief, tossing four and two-thirds innings, surrendering one hit, while striking out four, and walking one en route to his first career victory.

"I thought Tyler did a great job of just staying within himself," Godwin said. "He was the difference in the game today, to be able to throw up those zeroes like that

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Road trip proves rough for men's hoops

Ronnie Moore
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates traveled to Orlando, Fla., to face off with the UCF Knights for the second time this season. ECU lost its third straight game, falling to UCF 64-55.

With the loss to Central Florida, the Pirates record falls to 12-13 and 3-9 in Conference USA. The Pirates have struggled on the road, only managing two wins this season away from the friendly confines of Mingos Coliseum.

Darrius Morrow led the way for the Pirates with 15 points, on 7-for-11 shooting from the field. Morrow fouled out of the contest with 34 seconds remaining in the game.

The old adage "free throws win ballgames" may have been true on Saturday night, as the advantage was definitely in UCF's corner. The Knights shot 13-22 from the charity stripe and the Pirates only managed 5-for-10 at the line.

As a team, ECU had 22 fouls, which led to 13 made-free throws for the Knights. The dismal shooting night didn't help the Pirates' effort, as they made only 38 percent of their shots for the game.

From outside the arc, the Pirates struggled greatly, as they shot 24 times and only made four on the night.

ECU's leading scorer, Miguel Paul, only had 10 points to go along with his eight assists and six turnovers.

The Pirates hung on throughout the game and it was a single digit game for most of the evening. With 11 minutes left, ECU had cut the Knights' lead to just three.

Following a media timeout, UCF hit two 3-pointers and made a layup to push the lead back to nine and conceivably shut the door on any comeback from the Pirates. With the rough shooting game ECU faced, they still stayed competitive with its hustle points and opportunities.

After suffering another loss, the men's hoops team will travel to FedEx Forum in Memphis, Tenn., to face off against the Tigers on Wednesday.

Memphis beat the Pirates by 11 points in Mingos Coliseum two weeks ago. In the previous matchup, ECU kept the game close in the first 12 minutes of the game but the Tigers ended the last eight minutes of the half on a 17-5 run to take a 12-point lead going into the half.

The Pirates stormed back in the second half after Joe Jackson was given a flagrant foul for throwing a

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Richmond tops men's lacrosse

Chase Kroll
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's club lacrosse team suffered a 17-5 loss to the Richmond Spiders on Saturday at the North Campus Recreation Complex.

The Pirates stayed close in the first half, but couldn't overcome a 12-goal second half from the Spiders.

ECU was without head coach Henry Pethel due to a family matter, leaving assistant head coach Jamie Phillips to lead the Pirates from the sideline.

Trailing 5-3 entering the third quarter, ECU looked to come out and chip away at Richmond's two-point lead. But instead, the Spiders sparked a 6-0 run and kept the Pirates scoreless throughout the third quarter, securing an 11-3 lead.

The fourth quarter began with an illegal stick penalty on ECU, leaving the Pirates in a man-down situation for the quarter's first three minutes. An ensuing Richmond penalty left both teams without one, which ECU capitalized on with a



Men's lacrosse dropped a tough game to the Richmond Spiders on Saturday.

shorthanded goal from midfielder Dustin Carney.

Pirate attackman Will Bremen added a goal for ECU to pull within six goals, but that would be the closest they would get to a comeback. Richmond ended the game on a 6-0 run.

"Every day at practice, we are going to have to keep moving forward," Carney said. "We have a lot of talent, we just have to bring it all together."

ECU was led in scoring by Brett

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and Whitney Arion. ECU dropped the contest 5-0 with Smith picking up her second loss of the season. The Pirates struggled at the plate only posting two singles and picked up an additional four walks.

The Pirates bounced back on Friday night defeating UNC-Greensboro, 2-1, in a very well pitched game by Sarah Christian. The win topped off coach Tracey Kee's 1,000th game as the head coach of ECU and was win 663 of her career. Christian posted a complete game, the first of her career. She allowed just one run on four hits, while walking no Spartan hitters, and retired 18 of the last 22 UNC-G batters faced. Christian also became the first Pirate pitcher to start her career 3-0 since Britt Howell in 2008 and faced the minimum number of batters in four out of seven innings. Offensively, ECU was able to use a combination of nine hits and three walks to place a dozen runners on the base paths. However, only a two-run home run by Riggs in the top of the sixth produced any runs in the nightcap.

Saturday marked another tough day at the plate for the Pirates as they ran into pre-

season second team All-America selection Jen Mineau, of Fordham. Mineau limited ECU hitters to one run on two hits. Fordham picked up the win by the score of 5-1. The only run for the Pirates came in the first inning when Oshiro scored on a single by Rebecca Lee. Christian picked up her first career loss in five innings of work. She looked crisp and in control early on, but was taken out after she got into a jam in the sixth inning. Fordham posted four runs in the sixth, which was plenty for the Rams. Mineau cruised for much of the game as she retired the last 17 Pirates faced and did not allow a hit after Riggs' single in the second inning.

ECU will now go on the road and play 19 straight games away from Greenville. Next weekend's schedule includes a meeting with No. 2-ranked Alabama. "We want to go down there and compete. From here on out, every weekend gets tougher for us," said coach Kee.

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and give us the opportunity for our offense to come back."

With the domination on the mound, the Pirate offense was given plenty of time to create a comeback to complete the sweep.

When John Wooten strolled to the plate to lead off the fifth frame, the Pirates had managed just two hits off Panther starter Cale Tassi. Wooten got the game's third knock when he blasted a long ball over the leftfield wall to draw ECU within two runs. Drew Reynolds and Tim Younger drilled back-to-back singles with one out in the fifth, but were stranded on first and third to end the threat.

Undeterred by the inability to drive in runs, the Pirates took command of the game with a four-run seventh inning.

Wooten lead off the seventh with a walk, following a botched double play by the Panthers and a sacrifice fly by Reynolds. The Pirates had runners at second and third with only one out. Younger came to the dish and solved the Pirates' troubles with a two RBI single, scoring Wooten and Jay Cannon to tie the game.

Despite tying the score, the Pirates weren't satisfied

as Corey Thompson laced a two-out double scoring Younger and Reinheimer, who reached after being hit by a pitch, putting ECU ahead for good.

Joyner gave way to Reynolds in the ninth and the utility player recorded his second save of the season as he retired all three batters in order.

In the first game of the double header, the Pirates wasted little time in pulling away from Milwaukee.

ECU got the scoring started in the second inning when Chase McDonald blasted an opposite-field home run on just the second pitch he saw, marking the second time over the weekend the Pirates got their first run by way of the long ball. ECU would add two more runs in the inning to go up by three early in the game.

From there, things just got worse for Milwaukee as the Pirates ripped a seven-run sixth inning stanza. The first seven Pirates reached base before Reinheimer popped out to center. By the time that out was recorded, the Pirates had already scored five runs and would add two more two-out runs to close out the inning.

ECU would add three

more runs in the seventh and one in the eighth to provide the final margin of 16-1.

On opening day, the Pirates never trailed and never seemed to be in trouble from the first pitch to the final strike.

After Kevin Brandt cruised through the first, the Pirates got their first chance at the plate and it only took one pitch to get on the board. Reinheimer led off the ball game by sending the first pitch he saw over the left field wall for not only the first home run of the year, but the first dinger of his career.

Brandt would toss six and two-thirds scoreless innings, coupled with nine strikes outs, as the Pirates defeated the Panthers 4-0.

In all it was a dominating opening weekend for the Pirates that saw ECU win three very different games, played with very different styles.

"We can win in any conditions," Younger said of the differing styles of play. "We can slug it out, we can do it with pitching, we can do it with defense and we can come back."

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Darrius Morrow (1) dribbles inside the paint against Memphis.

deliberant elbow. After technical free throws and a made 3-pointer by Paul, the Tigers lead had shrunk to just six. The Tigers held off the Pirates and closed out the game with free throws for a 70-59 win.

On Wednesday, the Pirates will need to be sharp and ready to defend the athletic wing players for the Tigers. Last season, the Pirates opened conference

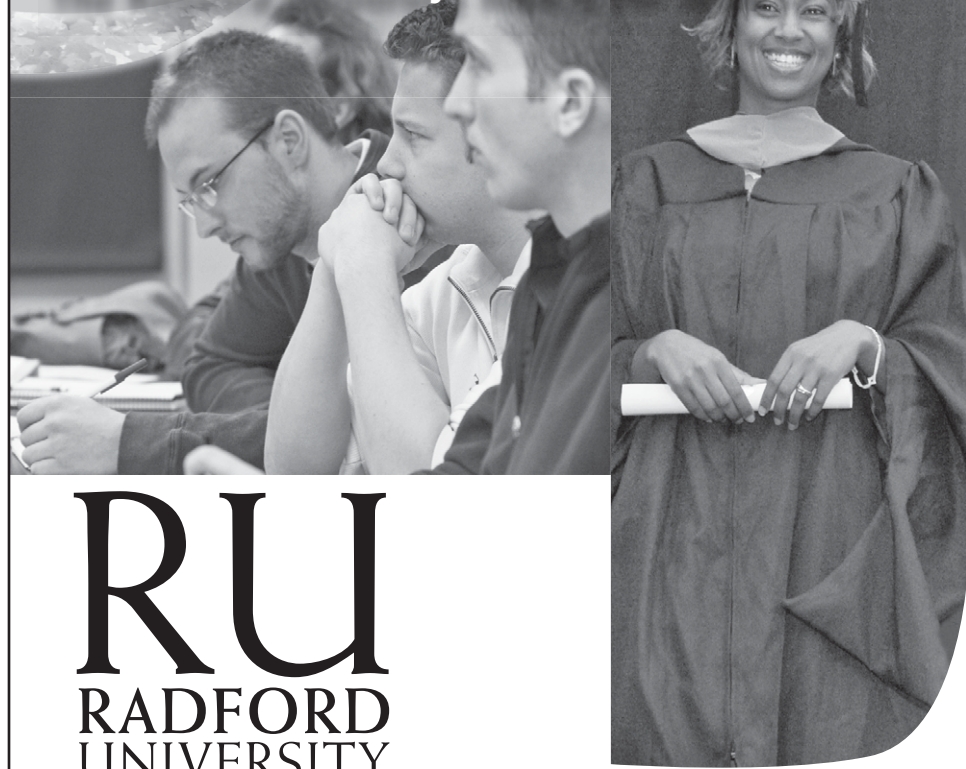
play with just a three-point loss at Memphis, so the opportunity is there for the Pirates to compete and upset the Memphis team. With only four games remaining, it is key that ECU takes advantage of every opportunity that presents itself.

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KID COMZ

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WALK TO CLASS: 1 block from campus and next to the campus police, a 2 bedroom apartment with hardwood floors and central heat/air. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, high-speed Internet, basic cable, water & sewer all included. One unit available immediately, one August 1. Call 252-916-5680.

WALK TO CLASS! 4 BEDROOM HOUSE ON FOURTH STREET: How about your own house with a yard (some dogs OK), a large bedroom and be able to walk to campus, downtown, the Rec Center, etc. 4 people can live comfortably (and legally- it's a duplex). Central heat/air, basic cable, high-speed Internet, washer/dryer, lawn care, monitored alarm system all included. Call 252-916-5680.

5 or 6 people can live comfortably (and legally- it's a duplex) in this 2900 square foot house just 2 blocks from campus and right across the street from the new STARBUCKS coffee house. 2 full kitchens, 3 full bathrooms, 6 bedrooms (15' x 15' average size). Central heat/air, washer/dryer and dishwasher all provided. Fenced-in yard (some dogs OK). Call 252-916-5680.

1BR with hardwood floors, water/sewer, Internet. Waterfront. Pet friendly. \$475/month. Call 252-364-1476.

3BR/2BA house (110 Jarvis Street). Fenced yard. Washer/dryer. \$900/month. Also, 2BR/1BA house (103 Library Street). Hardwood floors. Washer/dryer. \$650/month. Both houses available August 2012. Call 252-531-5701.

2BR/1BA. \$675/month. 2 blocks to ECU: 417 E. 3rd Street. Includes washer/dryer, dishwasher, garage, screened-front porch, and partially fenced backyard. Available for August move-in. Call 252-327-4433. View www.carolinahome-secu.com

PIRATEPLACES.COM!!! It's time again to start reserving your house across from ECU for next year. We have the best and closest houses next to ECU and we will be signing

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Early-leasing: blocks to ECU, wide selection of quality homes, includes all appliances, and central heat/AC. Leases begin June, July, or August. See at www.collegeuniversityrentals.com or call 252-321-4712.

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The Gables East is now reserving newly renovated one and two bedroom apartments just blocks from ECU! Internet, water and sewer included in the rent! Call 252-321-3281 and ask about our great move in specials.

Why rent a room when you can have your own duplex or house for as low as \$293 per person?! For more info about Docksides Duplexes and Riverwalk Homes, contact Eastern Property Management at 252-321-3281.

Need an affordable apartment close to campus? The Gables at Brownlea and Eastgate Village offer great prices plus you receive FREE cable and Internet! Ask about our move in specials and no security deposit option. Please call 252-321-3281 for details.

Townhouse to share. Next to The Bellamy. 2 unfurnished bedrooms available. Many amenities. \$350/month plus utilities. For more information, call 910-995-7824.

Looking to sublease, cheap rent! One bedroom. \$340/month. Dockside Townhomes on the Tar River. 5-minute walk to campus. Private bath. Large living room. Cable/Internet included. Call 919-280-8340.

3BR duplex. Great location! 6-month lease available. Corner of 4th Street and Maple Street. Includes washer/dryer, wall-to-wall carpeting, and ceiling fans. Call 908-229-5539.

HELP WANTED

Part-time church pianist needed. Must be able to play once per

week and worship service(s) on Sunday, along with other special events. Please email resumes to redoakchristianchurch@yahoo.com

Part-time help wanted for small horse farm 10 minutes from campus. Duties include feeding, cleaning stalls, turning-in/out, blanketing, and general barn clean up. Must be responsible and dependable. Hours of work vary but range from 7:30-10:30a.m. and/or 4:00-7:00p.m. Experience with horses preferred. Please email Jennifer at jenwhich@yahoo.com for more information.

!BARTENDING! \$250/day potential. No exp necessary. Training available. Call 1-800-965-6520 (EXT 202).

PART-TIME HELP NEEDED. Flexible with classes. Great resume builder. All-majors considered. Internships possible depending on major, and scholarships possible based on performance. Customer sales/service. No experience necessary. Call 252-215-5633 or apply online at WORKinGREENVILLE.com for more information and to schedule an interview.

Student internship for the hypothyroid clinic to help patients suffering with weight gain, fatigue, depression, brain fog, hair loss, and other thyroid symptoms. For more info, contact drstevencohen@gmail.com or 252-329-PAIN.

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CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Craving a sub? Eat at the Jersey Mikes on Firetower Road this Thursday (February 23), and help the ECU Society for the Advancement of Management fundraise for the National Conference.

WZMB 91.3 Radio presents "The Live Showcase" on Saturday, February 25th at 7:00pm in Mendenhall Room 244. Featured artists: Lamont Coal, Brandon Hughes, The Maple Street Band, KID COMZ, and Matt Philips & The Philharmonics. Free tickets are available in Mendenhall's Central Ticket Office. For more info, call 252-328-4751.

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