



BRIEFS

Pediatrics recommends boys get HPV shot

Staff Reports

A vaccine that is used to protect girls and women from the virus that causes cervical cancer is now being recommended for boys, starting at age 11, by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Human papillomaviruses, or HPV, can cause cancers of the mouth, throat, cervix and genital organs.

HPV is the most common of the sexually transmitted viruses in America and is most prevalent in sexually active adolescents and young adults.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, every year, 11,000 women in the country are diagnosed with cervical cancer and about 4,000 die.

Men can contract cancer of the penis, anus and throat from the viruses.

The shot is offered under two trade names, Gardasil and Cervarix, and comes in a three-shot regimen costing approximately \$360.

University research will help wounded warriors

Staff Reports

The U.S. Army has published an article that features the research of Carmen Russoniello, a recreation and leisure studies professor at ECU.

The work featured is Russoniello's study on developing biofeedback training through a video game to help soldiers manage the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and brain injuries.

The game helps trained, wounded warriors to control symptoms such as racing heart-beat and rapid breathing.

Russoniello's work is supported partly through ECU's Operation Re-entry North Carolina program.

Duke professor to present lecture at ECU

Staff Reports

James Kameron Carter, associate professor of theology and black church studies at Duke University will present the final lecture in the 2011-2012 Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series.

His presentation, entitled "Religion and the Post-Racial Condition," will begin at 7 p.m. on March 13 in Wright Auditorium.

Carter's research addresses basic areas of Christian thought, mostly in Christology, the person and work of Jesus Christ, and theological anthropology.

Complimentary tickets for this lecture are available through the ECU Central Ticket Office at 252-328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

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Tuition increase will not bridge deficit

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The university's increase in tuition next year will not offer enough money to cover the overall deficit it faces.

This fiscal year, ECU has lost \$49 million in state budget cuts and the 9.3 percent tuition increase recently approved will only cover approximately 29 percent of the university's deficit. The increase brings the annual total tuition and fees for in-state students

to about \$5,813, but 33 percent of the money that will come from the increase will be used for financial aid. ECU has the highest number of students who qualify as "financially needy" in the entire UNC system, making financial aid a priority among administrators.

"Over the years, I have argued for affordability as our first obligation in the goal of student success," said Chancellor Steve Ballard at a recent Board of Trustees meeting. "Our students face significant financial difficulties."

As a whole, the state legislature cut funding for need-based financial aid by \$35 million for the 2011-2012 school year.

"Last year, we lost about 2,500 students and the single biggest reason was the cost of education," said Ballard.

Tuition increases in place for the current school year, plus the approved increase for



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Gas prices deter travel



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North Carolina residents will pay more at the pump because of a sales tax increase that went into effect in January.

Gas prices are steadily increasing, both nationally and statewide, but prices in North Carolina are nearly 10 cents more than the national average.

The national average for regular fuel is \$3.716, while in North Carolina, the average is currently \$3.740, according to the AAA fuel gauge report.

One year ago, the national average for regular fuel was \$3.171, while North Carolina's was \$3.145.

Carson Bays, gas price expert and economics professor, said there are several factors that cause the prices to jump in North Carolina.

"That is partly a result in difference of taxation and crude oil prices," Bays said. "Most of what we get in our area comes out of the Gulf Coast area and that is largely imported oil that is typically more expensive than oil from Canada."

North Carolina has a higher state tax than surrounding states, and in January, it was raised another three cents.

"The other thing is crude oil price has gone up around the world because of the uncertainty of what could go on in the Middle East," Bays said. "If war breaks out in one of those countries, it could have direct impact on surrounding areas."

Also, depending on when and how the local distributor buys gas, it could change the prices.

Travis Sheetz, vice president of operations at Sheetz, said, "Everybody buys it differently, and if you

buy it in bulk, you might have two days or two weeks' worth of gas, so whatever the price was two weeks ago, is what (the customers) pay."

This is why two different gas stations right next to each other will often have different prices.

Because the source of supply is limited, Bays and Sheetz expect that prices will continue to go up.

The highest recorded average price nationally was \$4.114 in July 2008, and in North Carolina, the highest average was \$4.085 in September 2008.

"If the price goes up to four dollars a gallon, you could see people cutting their plans and it could certainly affect travel," Bays said.

Many students are impacted by the high prices of fuel and so are their Spring Break plans.

The current average for diesel fuel is \$4.098 in North Carolina and the national average is \$4.041, according to the AAA fuel gauge report.

But the prices are affecting more than just Spring Break plans. For some who travel regularly for sports, it is changing the amount of time they can practice and compete.

To help with the gas prices, students are taking advantage of the bus system to get to and from class.

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The true cost of underage drinking

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STAFF WRITER

According to a Century Council study, nine out of 10 American teens report that drinking is not worth the consequences it can cause.

However, the study estimates more than 10 million Americans, ages 12 to 20, report they have consumed alcohol in the past 30 days.

In 2010, 136 arrests were made by the ECU Police Department due to liquor law violations. The 2011 liquor law violations will not be published until October.

While the cost of an underage drinking citation is only \$25, the additional court fees and lawyer fees easily increase the simple citation fee to hundreds.

"My drinking ticket costs \$250, plus 24 hours of community service. And I was given the minimum amount of community service based on the way I handled my charge with the ALE officer," said sophomore nutrition and dietetics major Caitlin Cummins.

According to the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, the court fee itself is \$178.

While underage-drinking citations may allow the court appearance to be waived, underage consumption and underage possession of alcohol requires the delinquent to make a mandatory court appearance. Driving with an open container under the age of 21 also results in a mandatory court appearance.

Charges that require mandatory court appearances bring the simple citation fee to \$203 automatically.

Along with the court fee, a lawyer fee is added to the equation. Due to the various rates different lawyer offices provide, it's difficult to sum up an accurate fee of financial consequences.

However, "Cover Your Booty: A Drug Awareness Campaign," estimates that underage drinking charges cost students \$300 to \$2,000 depending on the case and the lawyer.

Sophomore business major Dennis Kronenwetter said, "With the lawyer and everything, my citation costs \$425 and 24 hours of community service."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the yearly costs of alcohol use by those under 21 are estimated at more than \$58 billion.

The cost of getting in trouble for underage drinking not only costs the delinquent, but also taxpayers.

According to "Underage Drinking: Societal Costs and Seller Profits," underage drinking cost the citizens of North Carolina \$1.5 billion in 2010. These costs include medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering associated with the multiple problems resulting from the use of alcohol by youth.

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Men's hoops took on Marshall last night for the final home game of the season. Turn to Sports to find out if the Pirates pulled out the win. **A8**

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"I do think students will still drink. You have so many students drinking in college and getting away with it. It's a lot of peer pressure. Some might learn quick, others might not learn quick," said Kronenwetter.


Sgt. Wardell Scott from the ECU Police Department believes that students will start to become more cautious about drinking.

"I can't say that it wouldn't cause them not to drink, but I think it would cause them to be a little bit more careful when it comes to getting caught. If they were to see the devastation of these crimes and crime scenes, I think it would curve their way of thinking," added Scott.

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next year, will only cover \$14 million of the total \$49 million in budget cuts this year.

Brooke Brown, Freshman fashion merchandising major said that she is currently relying on family members to help with tuition but will eventually need financial aid.

"My grandpa paid for this year and the next year, and the next two years I will be on financial aid," said Brown. "It's not covering what I need it to cover."

A breakdown of these numbers project that this year's increase generated almost \$4.6 million, while next year's increase will generate about \$9.5 million, which is where the \$14 million estimate originated.

According to Ballard, a fix to the deficit is not the only dilemma presented to the university.

Over the summer, the administrators cancelled 180 class sections because there

were not enough instructors to teach them, while dozens of faculty members left due to lack of competitive salaries. Graduate enrollments have also declined 50 percent faster than the national average.

Other funding areas the university relies on are being affected by cuts and deficits. "We expect no enrollment growth funding this year, which has cushioned budget decreases over the past four years," said Ballard.


Ballard also said that the money raised by increased tuition will primarily be used to "protect classrooms, faculty, and infrastructure."

He has pointed out areas that administrators are holding as top priorities, even though the cuts continue to amount. These areas include rebuilding class sections that were cut and supporting investments in the Honors College, engineering department, graduate education and

the Coastal Studies Institute, among others.

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"A GOOD MAN"

how a famous African-American choreographer interprets the life of Abraham Lincoln

with Editor David Simpson and Directors Bob Hercules and Gordon Quinn

Tuesday, March 13 • Greenville Museum of Art—West Wing Gallery • 7:00 p.m. • Free

"A Good Man" follows acclaimed director/choreographer Bill T. Jones (Last Supper at Uncle Tom's Cabin, Still/Here, FELA!) as he and his company create their most ambitious work, an original dance-theater piece in honor of Abraham Lincoln's Bicentennial. Through two tumultuous years, we witness raw moments of frustration as Jones struggles to communicate his vision to his dancers and collaborators, as well as moments of great exhilaration when movement transcends the limitation of words. Jones and his company come face to face with America's unresolved contradictions about race, equality and the legacy of our 16th President. Initially an indictment of The Great Emancipator, the work evolves into a triumph of hope for our struggling democracy, with Jones revealing that Lincoln was "the only white man I was allowed to love unconditionally." Premiering on the heels of Jones's Tony Award for FELA! and 2010 Kennedy Center Honor, "A Good Man" is a window into the creative process and, indeed, the creative crisis of one of our nation's most enduring, provocative artists as he explores what it means to be a good man, to be a free man, to be a citizen.

"A Good Man" is a co-production of Kartemquin Films, AMERICAN MASTERS, Independent Television Service (ITVS) and Media Process Group, in association with Ravinia Festival.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Claiming that someone else's marriage is against your religion is like being angry with someone for eating a donut because you're on a diet.

Getting married isn't all about the "sanctity" of marriage. Married people have rights that unmarried couples don't have. I'm a gay man and I'm fighting for my rights by voting AGAINST Amendment One.

You say I should read the Bible and get over my homosexuality because it's 2012? 1) Not everyone is a Christian, so stop being ignorant. 2) That book is a few thousand years old. Isn't it time for an update?

Oh, so gay people are rubbing their sexuality in your face by advertising a drag show? Then why don't you stop pushing flyers about going to church in my face every time I walk through Wright.

Giving someone else equal rights does not infringe or take away rights from you. It just makes it illegal to enforce your prejudice and hate. It is that simple.

I was absolutely appalled by Tuesday's Pirate Rants. Not even as a liberal democrat, but as a human. Have a heart people.

To my fellow pirates who ranted in support of Amendment One, I commend you for standing up for what you believe. Never let anyone tear you down because of your beliefs. 1 Timothy 4:12

Hey Christians, Captain Hindsight here: If you didn't want people to attack religion's influence in politics, you shouldn't use it as a basis for denying civil liberties.

Brother Ross — God made Eve from Adam's rib, not from under Adam's foot.

You're gay? Good for you! Marriage = One Man + One Woman

If you wanna be gay, be gay. Just STFU about it!

You're anti-gay? That's not what you were saying last night!

And you wonder why everyone hates Southerners...

Oh, being gay is a choice? Yes, I chose to be attacked by closed-minded "conservatives" and have my rights taken away.

Those visitors looked very confused when passing by Brother Ross until we explained that he was not a Pirate.

If you are so for Amendment One, then send in an article talking about what good it will bring to our state. Your article will be real short.

I'm a Christian and gays are so wrong! Now, excuse me while I go have premarital sex, greed, envy and gluttony.

My Mom cheated on my dad with FIVE men. How's that for destruction of the sanctity of marriage?

They're here, they're queer, GET OVER IT. If you don't like gay marriage, don't marry someone who is the same sex as you! Otherwise, find a more worthwhile cause to fight for.

LOVE IS LOVE! Vote No in May!

"She is love. And she is all I need." Vote Against/No in May. Don't ban me from marrying the girl I love.

All you gay haters are no different than the KKK. Just think about that.

Just because I'm a lesbian doesn't mean I don't deserve to be happy. I'm sorry you Christians hate me, but I'm human. If you can get married, why can't I?

Spring Broke



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Driving down Highway 264 through Greenville, I am startled, yet again, by an alarming and disgusting view. Right in front of my eyes is another increase in gas prices, now to a dismal \$3.79.

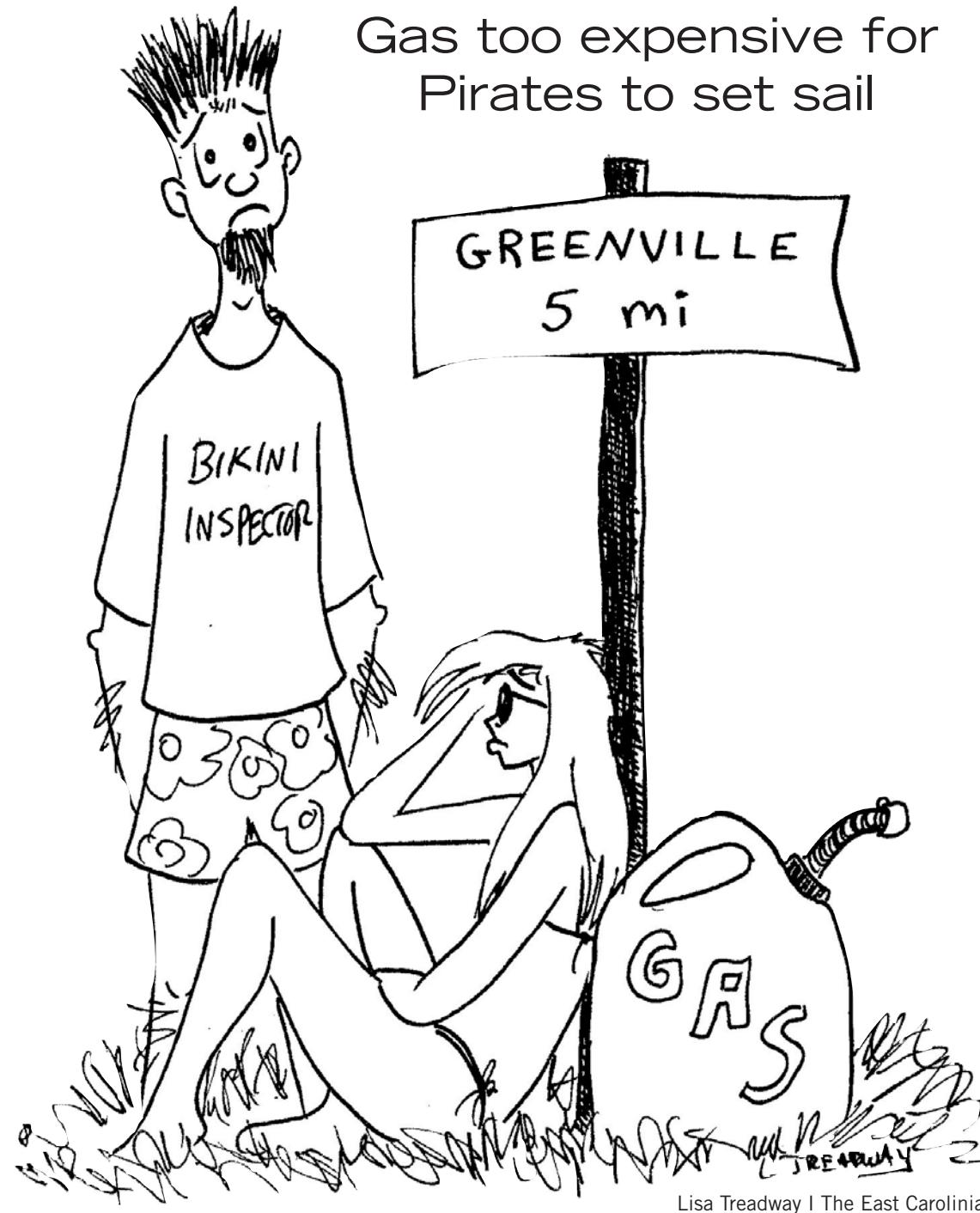
Even though I'd love to tell myself it is not right, sadly, I know my eyes are not deceiving me.

What can this mean for giddy college kids pent up with school frustrations and geared up for the ultimate spring break experience? Probably, from what I hear, a paltry few nights stay instead of a week-long adventure in a tropical destination or trekking it back to their hometown for some R&R.

These days, nothing comes cheap anymore. College tuition increases have parents fuming with rage and scrambling to receive more financial aid for their "young-ins" just to make it through college bankruptcy. I bet the last thing on their mind is how much money to give their deserving kid for the oh-so-needed luxury stay in the Dominican Republic where they can drink constantly and work on their killer tan.

Something as small and mundane as filling up your gas tank now has students anxiety ridden, standing over the nozzle waiting for the click of a full tank, watching numbers like 45, 48 and 53 flash by the screen. Even my Toyota Corolla is costing 42 big ones to fill up, so I can't even imagine what actual gas guzzlers are costing these days. With so much money going towards trivial and inexpensive tasks, the piggy bank labeled "Spring Break or Bust" is probably going to have a lot less dollars in it.

Over the last three years, I've heard about some pretty amazing trips lined up for numerous lucky students. From Punta Cana, Bahamas and Key West to metropolitan cities like Chicago and Los Angeles, nothing was too expensive or off limits. Now, I'm hearing



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people say, "I'm just driving home to stay with my parents and cuddle with my dog." Or my favorite, "Spring break trips are over-rated; I would rather just catch up on my sleep." Ha! It's OK to admit you're poor these days; trust me, you're in good company.

With the average spring break excursion costing you around \$450 this year, people need to be a lot more creative about any fun

they are having. Participating in a bikini contest and bonging an insurmountable amount of beers will, honestly, probably not happen for most of us this year. What we can do is find places around our hometown to check out or plan a day trip with our friends that's sure to run you a lot less than an all-inclusive five-night stay in Jamaica.

For all students that are still,

despite the economic downturn, going to be sunbathing near crystal-blue waters or exploring far-away lands, consider yourself extremely lucky. And for the majority that are being forced to head home and stay out of this spring break's festivities, make the best of it.

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Choking out the smokers



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I was walking in front of Bate on my way to class a few weeks ago when I intersected a fellow Pirate smoking. She proceeded to blow every bit of smoke in my direction.

I was so offended that I began to write in my head as I stomped to class. I was desperately wishing I had a tape measure, because I was sure she was within the restricted 25 feet of the building. In the midst of my little fit, I remembered that I grew up in a family of tobacco farmers and smokers.

I love the show "Mad Men," set around a '50s ad agency, where even the typewriters seem to smoke cigarettes. But society has changed a lot since then. Not only can you not smoke in bars, restaurants or offices, you are also not supposed too close to building entrances; the same buildings that allowed smoking during the mid-to-late '70s.

The no smoking campaigns that the government waged has led to a society where, to some, smoking in public is equivalent to a slap in the face. Smoking has become a

societal no-no, where smokers are inferior citizens with a dirty addiction. Not only have these new regulations marked changes in the way smokers are viewed, but it has also ushered in a new American culture. A culture that is less hardy and more finicky than ones of the past.

Isn't all this banning and regulating a little too much though? When did America become the home of people who needed government protection from cigarette smoke? When did we become so prissy?

The problem isn't about smoking bans at all, but about the culture that it has created. My generation is so used to being babied and spoiled that we believe we have a right to control things, even other's right to smoke. When everything is given to you, it creates intolerance. Well, I have news for my generation: everything is not always going to be the way you want it to be and your air isn't always going to be smoke free.

Mark Twain's famous quote, "The world doesn't owe you anything. It was here first," holds a very important lesson for my generation to remember. As incomprehensible as it may sound to many young people, I did manual labor in high school. I spent summers in the dreaded tobacco fields and school years in restaurants, while many of my friends lay on their couches. I used to get so

angry with my parents for making me work, but now I understand that they were trying to help me.

It's a sad day when many of my fellow freshmen have never held a job. It also makes me twitch a little when people tell me that their parents don't want them to work during college. Why wouldn't they want you to work? A focus on school is the reason that many people cite, but when are those kids ever going to learn how to juggle responsibilities of a family and work once they graduate? That's exactly right, they won't, or at least they will have to play catch-up with the kids who are used to balancing multiple responsibilities.

I couldn't believe I was so angered by this smoke, when I grew up with a dad who puffs away like it's his job. I can laugh now at my quick fit, because it was just a momentary lapse into a spoiled nature that I was never brought up to have. What I can't laugh at though, is the thought that many people my age will not be ready for the workforce because it will be the first time they will have ever been held responsible in their life. So, suck it up and take your lungs off your sleeves. A little hard work, or smoke, never killed anybody.

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RANTS CONT.

Love is genderless.

If Amendment One gets passed, I can promise you I will not be living in NC after college.

To the black girl that took a shot out of a confederate flag shot glass at my house: May your beer always be cold and your solo cup never empty.

Fun at NCSU, reading the book before the movie comes out. Fun at ECU, getting blackout before the game starts.

Hi, I'm Bob Vance, Vance Refrigeration.

My friends want to come down to ECU to party on spring break. I told them that there will be nothing to do but get shot and robbed.

To the reader of this Rant, there are other things to read in the paper.

At the end of the day, I'm just a squirrel trying to get a nut.

To the girl who stood up in class after having her first Pirate Rant published: Congratulations.

Pirate Rants > Pirate Memes

Congrats to the ECU Women's Track and Field Team who made history and took home the C-USA title for the first time ever!

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POLL RESULTS

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SGA Upcoming Events:

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5 things we're obsessed with this month

1. Spring Break

— As this week comes to a close, we can't wait to have the next week off! Whether it will be spent someplace warm in the sun, or just catching up on sleep and Netflix, it's that time of the semester when we all could use some days away from class and homework.



2. St. Patrick's Day

— Irish or not, we all love drinking green beer and celebrating this rowdy holiday. What makes it even better in 2012? It falls on a Saturday. Bring on the shamrocks and corned beef and cabbage. Erin go brag!



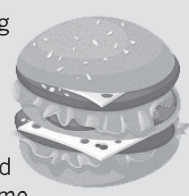
3. March Madness

— It's that time of the basketball season, when numbers don't matter ... that much. Who will be the Cinderella story this year? How many buzzer beaters will we see within the first two days? Keep your friends close, but your brackets closer, because it's about to get crazy.



4. Cookouts

— With spring comes grilling, so bust out those barbecues and invite over some friends. Need recipe ideas? Pinterest has some seriously easy ones, from dinner dishes to desserts. Pair these with some cold brews and get ready to have some cookouts as the warm weather wafts in.



5. "The Hunger Games"

— On March 23, the first book of the popular three-book series, "The Hunger Games" trilogy, will hit the big screen, and we can't wait to see Jennifer Lawrence's portrayal of Katniss Everdeen. We're confident that this is sure to become the next big franchise, like "Harry Potter" and "Twilight," and we love the rapidly growing hype for this action-packed film!



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Spring Break safety suggestions

Mike Davis
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

With spring break right around the corner, Karen Vail-Smith, teaching instructor in the Department of Health Education and Promotion, and Georgia Childs, assistant director for peer help, lend some insightful tips for beach and travel goers.

Know your limits

Not everyone can drink the same amount of alcohol, so it is important to pace the drinking and know how much your body can handle. Heather Hudson, Wellness Center intern, said an easy way to keep track of how much someone has had to drink is to keep a tally on his or her wrist or to keep the bottle caps from finished drinks.

Designate a driver

Don't drink and drive. It is that simple and easy to just designate a driver. Despite the fact that driving under the influence is illegal, it could put more than just the people in the car in danger if there were an accident. Childs said that there is a difference between a designated driver and a least drunk driver. Childs also suggested students to "set aside cash before you go out so you can't spend that money on anything else." Another recommendation is to get a cab number from the hotel staff and to plan how they will get home before they go out.

Protect fellow Pirates

Keep track of everyone you went with. If someone is acting blackout drunk after one drink, the chances are something is wrong. Be aware of the signs of alcohol poisoning, such as cold, clammy skin, slow breathing, unconsciousness or semi-consciousness and vomiting. If these or other symptoms occur, take your friend to get help because it is better to be safe than sorry.

Take turns driving

No matter if you are driving to New York or south Florida, always "take turns behind the wheel," said Smith. "Whoever sits shotgun should stay awake and keep the driver company." Vail Smith also said to make sure everyone has a valid driver's license and that the car has its registration papers.

Travel in groups

Always travel in groups, or at least in pairs. Vail-Smith recommends going to ATMs during the day in groups to help prevent pick-pocketing and to help keep an extra eye out for anything strange. A tip to remember while getting money from an ATM is to look all around to see if anyone is standing shadily near by, and to use the other hand to cover the pin number as you enter it, according to Vail-Smith.

Control drinking in the sun

"Drinking and the sun can equal a bad sunburn, and an even worse hang-over," said Vail-Smith. "Take it slow and stay hydrated by drinking lots of water." The combination of being in the sun and drinking alcohol can cause dehydration quickly, so Childs recommends alternating beverages, which also helps hydration and drinking too much too fast. To help avoid a lobster-red sunburn, apply sunscreen generously.

Know the laws

Before traveling to another country, know the laws that you are traveling into. Vail-Smith said not to bring in or purchase illegal drugs and alcohol there, because being locked up in another country is another beast to battle.

Make copies of identification

Make photocopies of your passports in case you lose the passport itself. Along with photocopying your passport, Childs recommends making copies of all identification, debit and credit cards. She also said to know the 800-number of all of debit and credit cards so if something were to happen, cancelling them wouldn't be more of a hassle than it already is.

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Day trip destinations

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For students who aren't jumping on a plane or cruise ship next week, there are many local destinations that can be turned into day or weekend trips.

Myrtle Beach

Spending the evening at one of the many themed putt-putt courses, or riding into the sunset on horseback in March, is just one way to spend spring break in the Carolinas.

If partying the night away sounds more appealing, spend the night dancing and socializing at a variety of clubs and bars.

Only about three hours away, Myrtle Beach is within driving distance and could be a great spot for a weekend away.

Virginia Beach

Though the water may be a little chilly, the warm weather and vacant beach make for a couple days of relaxation at Virginia Beach. A two-and-a-half hour trip up US-17 takes one to the lovely resorts of Virginia's most popular beach. With a boardwalk that ranges up and down the sand and ocean, renting a bike and taking a ride has never been more soothing and convenient.

New Bern

If lying on the beach and catching some rays doesn't sound interesting, take a trip to the historic Tryon Palace in New Bern. Before touring the beautiful house and grounds of the palace, a walk around town and a bite to eat at one of the many local restaurants could do the trick. After a tour of the house, check out the interactive Pepsi museum that takes its participants back in time to what life was like before technology.

Appalachian Mountains

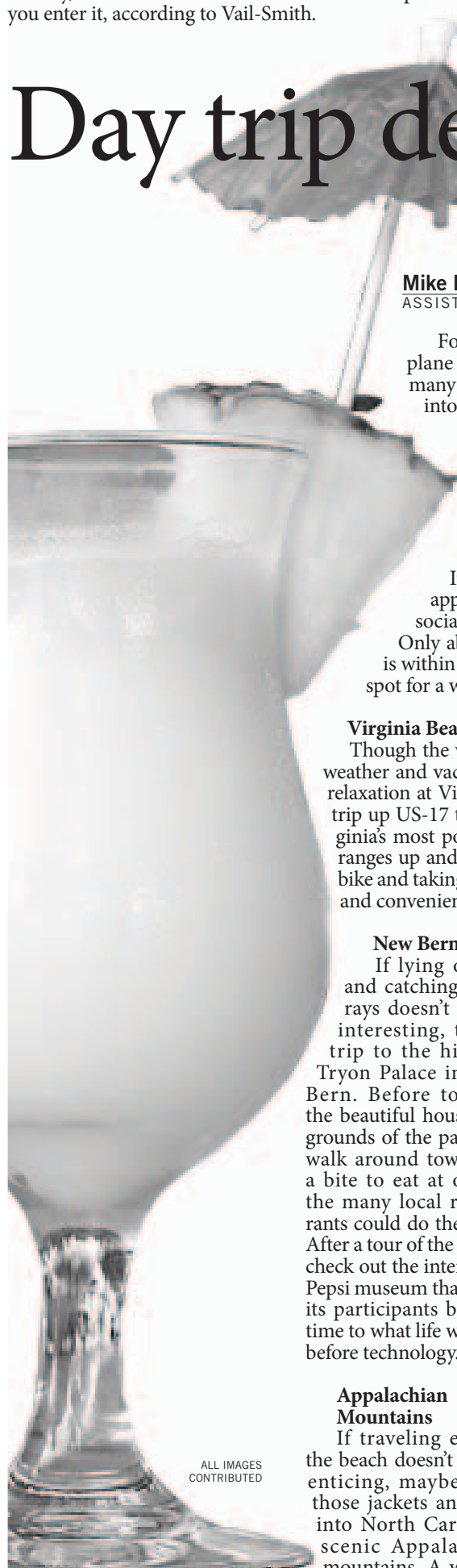
If traveling east to the beach doesn't sound enticing, maybe pack those jackets and trek into North Carolina's scenic Appalachian mountains. A weekend

visiting the Great Smokey Mountains National Park provides a different outlook into one of the many beauties the state has to offer. Just a few miles down the road is the Cherokee Indian Reservation, where a hike to see the Mingo Waterfalls might add an extra element of beauty to one's trip.

Staying around Greenville

A day spent at the City Art Gallery could provide the creative fix that has been missing. Local, regional and national artists' work fills the gallery for anyone to see. But if half a semester's work has finally caught up and walking around interpreting art doesn't get you going, an evening at a movie theater might just do the trick. A relaxing and entertaining way to spend the night with a bag of popcorn and a large drink might help ease the stress away.

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For those who aren't going away for Spring Break, day or weekend road trips are an option.

Fighting hunger with soup and ceramics



MAGGIE PENDERGRASS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Empty Bowls project will take place Friday in Mendenhall.

Leila Falls
STAFF WRITER

World hunger has plagued human kind since long before Oliver Twist delivered his famous line, "Please sir, I want some more."

According to a CNN article titled "How to make an impact on hunger," the World Food Security committee of the United Nations determined that, in today's society, one in six people experience continual hunger.

The article listed five ingenious ideas that can help with hunger awareness, one of them being the Empty Bowls

project, which roots back to 1990 when art instructor John Hartom asked students to create bowls for a meal to help with food drive donations.

The Empty Bowls project has now reached ECU and will be held on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms. People will pay \$15 to attend the event, during which they will eat soup out of a ceramic bowl donated by ECU Ceramics Guild. Attendees then get to keep their bowl in order to remind them of the fight against hunger.

"People choose the bowl

that they would like to take as a memento after the event, keeping mindful of people being hungry with their empty bowls," said Karen Silinsky, ECU Ceramics Guild Empty Bowls coordinator, who initiated the idea of hosting an Empty Bowls event at ECU.

William McCartney, the associate vice chancellor for Campus Living and Dining Services, met with the ECU Ceramics Guild during the fall to begin the preliminary shaping of the event.

"The generosity and willingness (of McCartney) really helped make this event happen," said Silinsky, who finds it appealing to have the event on campus since the bowls were made by guild members.

The soup choices for the simple meal (consisting of soup and bread) served in

each bowl will be tomato bisque, clam chowder, hearty bean and sausage and chili.

"Getting a ticket on the way there is easy, since we're going to be right down the hall from the ticket office," said McCartney's assistant, Amanda Murphy, in regards to the tickets.

All of the money raised through the event will be given to the Greenville Community Shelter and Greenville Food Bank.

"The bowls themselves are definitely worth \$15 a piece," said Silinsky, who believes the variety of sizes, glazes, textures and colors of the bowls make them all one-of-a-kind.

After the clay was ordered, every student of the guild fired-away 18 to 20 bowls each. "We committed to making a minimum of 400

bowls, but ended up having around 450 that were delivered over to Campus Living," said Silinsky.

Campus Living arranged parking at Mendenhall Student Center and handled the publicity, which includes posters for this hunger awareness effort and event. "If you give a \$5 donation, you get a t-shirt — but there's a limited amount," said Murphy, describing the white t-shirts with Empty Bowls 2012 designs that were donated by a local store.

As stated on its website, Empty Bowls has become "an international grassroots effort to fight hunger," and has been

very effective with the help of all the volunteers.

"I am looking forward to seeing all of the people come in who are willing to help as volunteers or by [simply] showing up," said Murphy.

In addition to the money raised for the two charities, there is hope to bring together students, faculty and members of community.

As Silinsky stated, "We're going to be together as a community giving back to community."

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'Morrow' never dies

By the numbers:
ECU vs. Marshall

	MU	ECU
PTS	68	69
REB	40	25
STL	3	9
BLK	4	4
TO	20	11
PF	24	20

Jungle section makes ballpark unique

Kristin Smith
STAFF WRITER

As a new fan of Pirate baseball, one must learn the essentials of baseball etiquette and participation.

The fan experience of Clark-LeClair is uniquely set apart from the norm, solely because of the leftfield section called "The Jungle."

The Jungle is ECU's very own section of hecklers and energetic fans. Where some stadiums have outfield seating, Clark-LeClair offers a grassy section connected to a tailgate lot. One might hear the Jungle crew chanting "One up, one down" from beyond the outfield wall. Other popular chants include "Purple-Gold," "Ball two," "Bring him home" and "Let's go Pirates."

In order to be a Pirate baseball fan, one must learn these phrases and when they are necessary to use. Other vital tips include bringing correct weather-related attire and learning the ECU fight song that is heard after good plays are made by the Pirates, and upon winning. It is also important to learn the alma mater that is played at the end of every game.

Pirate fans must also learn to cheer on the players with motivational chants.

"We just love the Pirates and love cheering them on," fan Ed Daughtry commented. He continued to explain that his family loves rooting for its favorite players, John Wooten and shortstop Jack Reinheimer.

Other tips and advice from insightful fans came from John Harrison, a Pirate alumni, and his son Zachery, who explained that their favorite part of watching Pirate baseball is the "foul balls and just having fun." They said they attend an average of eight to 10 games each season and enjoy their time at the games.

With the classic "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" ringing throughout the bleachers during the seventh-inning stretch, one cannot miss the support beaming from Pirate fans. No baseball experience is complete without grabbing some baseball-essential snacks, which range from the classic hotdog to soft pretzels, churros, sunflower seeds, nachos, Dippin' Dots and many others. In between innings, fans may be caught watching the Diamond Dancers team perform to various songs, including "Moves Like Jagger," "Say My Name," and "Welcome to the Jungle."

Promotional activities or challenges include "Today's Lucky Pirate" is a trivia activity in which fans can win various prizes from local businesses and "Race PeeDee," in which young Pirate fans race PeeDee around the bases. Both in game promotions allow fans to get involved in the game. These activities, challenges, songs, chants, cheers and excitement are what make Lewis Field at Clark-LeClair Stadium a unique and special place to all those who attend.

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Senior leads Pirates over Marshall, Score 69-68

Jordan Anders
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Darrius Morrow wanted to make his final home game at Minges Coliseum something special.

Boy, did he ever leave Minges and ECU something to remember him by.

The 6-foot-8 senior forward hung a season-high 27 points on the Marshall Thundering Herd in his home swansong as the Pirates snapped a five-game losing streak, outlasting the Herd and earning a thrilling overtime victory, 69-68.

"I'll never forget this game," Morrow said. "I love this place. I love East Carolina. I love the fans. I'm going to miss this place. But I'm just glad we came out on top."

Morrow had his way all night with Marshall, getting to the rim seemingly at will while sprinkling in a few mid-range jump shots. He shot 50 percent from the field (8-of-16) and hit 11 of 17 free throws, including four in overtime. He also had eight rebounds, two assists, and two steals in 41 minutes of action.

"Senior Night is special, and you always want to walk off the floor a winner," said ECU coach Jeff Lebo. "Morrow was terrific, I thought, offensively. The guys really understood he was playing pretty well

and got him the ball. Our kids really wanted to win this game for Darrius. We all did."

The Pirates needed every single one of those 27 points from their man in the middle, as the game was a nip-and-tuck affair that saw seven ties and nine lead changes. While Marshall ran out to a 10-point advantage in the early part of the first half, ECU fought its way back behind Morrow and matched every blow that it took from the Herd.

ECU allowed Marshall to shoot 55 percent in regulation, but came up with huge stops when it counted. First, ECU guard Corvonn Gaines smothered DeAndre Kane as Kane took the ball to the hoop on Marshall's last possession of regulation, forcing a shot clock violation with 6.3 seconds remaining.

After Miguel Paul missed a jumper to bring on overtime, the Pirates clamped down defensively, playing a superb five-minute stretch and holding Marshall to just 1-of-11 shooting during the overtime period. While ECU didn't make a shot in overtime – or even attempt one – they got four free throws from Morrow and two from Paul on their way to outscoring Marshall 6-5 in the OT session and squeaking by with the victory.

"This was a grinder game," Lebo said. "We made it hard on ourselves by missing some free throws, but we had some key defensive stops



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Darrius Morrow led his team with 27 points on Senior Night against Marshall.

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Football trains hard for kickoff



Ronnie Moore
OPINION COLUMNIST

Can you run 40 yards in four seconds?

Or bench press 400 pounds? Most college students will say "no" to both of these questions, but any of ECU's football players can answer these questions with a definitive "yes."

To say the least, college athletes are freaks of nature. From their workout regimens, their God-given talent and the many years of playing football, these athletes strive to separate themselves from the ordinary Joe.

College programs across the country believe that they have a genius in their football coaching staff that can train athletes into prime condition to compete every Saturday from September all throughout the holiday season. At ECU, coaches don't just think they have a genius that trains themselves football players — they know they do.

Jeff Connors, assistant athletic



DREW CARTER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Justin Hardy benches during a Monday morning workout at Murphy Center.

director, has won many awards for his personal power lifting. Plus, he has been honored for his development of college football programs nationally. Connors has been previously recognized as Regional Strength Coach of the Year. This is

Connors' second stint with ECU, as he first coached for the Pirates from 1991 to 2001. He left to coach at UNC-Chapel Hill for a decade, but is now in his second year back coaching the Pirates.

Connors has an extensive

workout regimen and he pushes his players to their physical limits and beyond. He has created his own system, "The Power Quotient," which calculates each player's strength, speed and jump. When the final statistic is crunched, it results in the player's "Power Ratio."

The football team has been participating in off-season workouts in preparation for spring practice and summer workouts. All of the players' hard work leads to the first Saturday in September. Each week is devoted to certain workouts, such as bench press, power cleans, vertical jump, broad jump, and the 40-yard dash.

Bench press and power cleans take great strength and balance to lift high masses of weight in multiple repetitions. Justin Dixon led all players in bench press with an alarming 480-pound max. Dixon's maximum lift was at least 50 pounds more than second-place defensive end Derrell Johnson's max. C.J. Struyk posted a 420-pound max, followed by senior linebacker Daniel Drake at 415 pounds. Rounding out the top five were three players, (Matt Milner,

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Baseball brings in Stony Brook

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off a disappointing 1-3 showing in the ninth annual Keith LeClair Classic last weekend, the Pirates (5-2) will return to action this weekend when they welcome Stony Brook.

The baseball team has produced a pitching clinic early on in the season and they have a great chance to keeping that going against the Seawolves, who have scored just 19 runs in their four games.

However, the ECU bats have fallen silent in recent games and with three home games ahead, those bats will need to awaken.

ECU Offense:

As stated above, over the last three games, the Pirates' bats have struggled to score just eight runs in their three games of the Classic.

On the season though, the numbers do look a little better. ECU is averaging a shade over six runs per game and has two batters hitting over .460.

Tim Younger is leading the way early on hitting .550 with four runs driven in, while Corey Thompson sits a close second with a .462 batting average, driving in eight runs. As a team, ECU is batting a respectable .312. But where the ECU offense has been strong is in the power department.

After spending a year getting used to the new bats allowed under NCAA rules, the Pirates seem to have taken to them nicely in year two, already blasting nine home runs. Leading the way in that category are Thompson, Jack Reinheimer and John Wooten, who have all hit two dingers.

ECU Pitching:
The strength of the Pirates in the early going has been pitching. After

losing the majority of their experience on the mound, it was expected that it would take some time for the

staff to come together. In reality, it only took about one series for ECU to realize they have the makings of a dominant mound crew.

The Pirates will throw out their top three starters for this series, Kevin Brandt (1-1, 1.98 ERA), Jharel Cotton (1-0, 1.74 ERA), and Tyler Joyner (.77 ERA, 2-0).

The surprise of the rotation is Joyner, who fought all of off-season for that last starting spot with Austin Chrismon. Chrismon won the job out of camp, but Joyner stole it away from him during opening weekend against Milwaukee and he doesn't appear to be giving it up any time soon.

Coming out of the bullpen, Andy Smithmyer is key. He's been used so far this season as a middle reliever, bridging the gap between the starter and the closer. Smithmyer has run into some trouble, most notably against Maryland last Sunday, but still boasts a 1.42 ERA in 6 one-third innings.

Stony Brook Offense:

The Seawolves are off to a fast start this season as they come to Greenville undefeated at 4-0. And while their level of competition has not been to the level of the Pirates, the two teams do share a lot in common.

Both clubs are pitching strong, which leaves the offense lagging behind. Stony Brook is worse off than ECU, averaging just four runs a game with a collective team batting average of just .269. While ECU has made up for the lack of hitting in the power department, the Seawolves haven't been that lucky, hitting just two home runs on the year.

Leading the way offensively is Max Tissenbaum. He heads the team



MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
Zach Wright in action against Maryland in the LeClair Classic on Sunday.

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coming down the stretch. Corvonn Gaines had the big stop; (Maurice) Kemp had a big stop."

Morrow's dominant performance helped make up for the absence of guard Shamarr Bowden, who was coming off a 27-point performance of his own, but left Wednesday night's game in the first half after taking an elbow to the face.

Kemp and Paris Roberts-Campbell came off the bench and filled in admirably for Bowden, whom Lebo said would be evaluated further Thursday. Kemp had 10 points and eight rebounds, while Roberts-Campbell added nine points on 4-of-5 shooting.

When all was said and

done, both teams shot nearly identical percentages, with ECU shooting at a 46.2 percent clip compared to 46.4 for Marshall. The Herd posted a 40-25 advantage on the boards, including a 14-6 offensive rebound advantage that led to 20 second chance points.

While Marshall was dominating the glass, ECU was hammering them in the ball control department, forcing 20 turnovers that translated to 24 points. By contrast, Marshall got just six points off of 13 ECU turnovers.

But, statistics aside, the hero of this night was Morrow, who admitted that he got a bit emotional during the pregame ceremony in which he was presented with

a framed jersey bearing his No. 1, and that he began the game with a slight case of nerves.

While he eventually settled down and had a game that showed why he was Preseason All-Conference USA, Morrow said the entire experience was a bit surreal, and that he doesn't expect his last home game to register just yet.

"It probably won't hit me until tomorrow morning that, 'Wow, I'm not going to be playing at Minges anymore,'" he said. "So, (tonight is) pretty special."

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Jimmy Booth and Kemory Mann), at 410 pounds on the bench.

Power cleans require a good source of balance and upper and lower body strength. Running back Hunter Furr led the Pirates with a 374-pound lift, 22 pounds more than defensive lineman Jimmy Booth. The Pirates have six players who can power clean more than 340 pounds. This includes Terry Williams, who was mentioned by Connors as one of the hardest-working players when it comes to increasing his body strength.

(Terry) has increased his body muscle each year and now he runs faster while gaining that extra muscle weight, which shows hard work and dedication," Connors said.

Along with strength, players definitely need a great deal of speed to adapt to the quick pace of college football in this era. A highly regarded statistic that is measured at the NFL scouting combine is the athlete's 40-yard sprint time. Late season standout Reece Wiggins recorded the fastest time for the Pirates

only taking 4.38 seconds to run 40 yards. Chapel Hill transfer student Hunter Furr follows Wiggins' record at 4.42. The top rounds out at 4.45 time.

"We have right at 20 players who run a 40 time under 4.6 seconds," said Connors. This is the best that he has seen in all of his 24 years of coaching. He is encouraged with the Pirates team speed on both sides of the ball.

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in batting average hitting, .429 on the year, followed closely by Travis Jankowski, who is hitting .400. The only other player on the roster hitting over .300 is Kevin Krause, who is at a .333 clip.

Stony Brook Pitching:

Like the Pirates, the success or failure of the ball club has been based on pitching. The Seawolves boast a bullpen full of valuable arms that will cause some problems for

the ECU batters.

In their four-game weekend series last week, Stony Brook used four different pitchers, but will move one of those four to the bullpen for this weekend. The more likely cut will be Brandon McNitt, who was added as a fourth starter for the specific purpose of giving the others a rest.

Starting Friday is Evan Stecko, who, in his one

appearance, has so far dominated, tossing eight scoreless innings in leading his team to victory. Expected to finish off the series are James Campbell (1-0 1.29 ERA) and Tyler Johnson (0-0 1.50 ERA).

The Pirates and the Seawolves will begin their three-game tilt on Friday at 5 p.m.

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Women's track and field grabs conference championship

The women's indoor track and field team won its first-ever Conference USA Indoor Championship Sunday in Birmingham, Ala. The Pirates turned in a total team effort as the men turned in a best-ever finish of third place.

ECU grabbed six total individual championships including a gold medal performance by Tynita Butts (pictured above) in the high jump event. Butts qualified for the NCAA Indoor

Championships that will be held in Boise, Idaho on Mar. 9-10.

Other members of the track and field team will be able to join Butts at nationals when they compete in the Alex Wilson Invitational, hosted by Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. on Friday and Saturday.

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CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECU Toastmasters' first introductory meeting "A Taste for Toastmasters" will be on Tuesday, March 13th at 5:00pm in Mendenhall. This event is open to all ECU students. For more info, please contact Madeline Pierce (ECU Toastmasters President) at 301-651-7631 or piercem09@students.ecu.edu

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