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N.C. improves high school graduation rates

Staff Reports

A report released yesterday states that North Carolina is among a dozen states that have made dramatic improvements in high school graduate rates.

Between 2001 and 2009, the national graduation rate rose from 72 percent to 75.5 percent.

According to WITN, North Carolina is a national leader in reducing the number of "dropout factories," which are schools that graduate 60 percent or fewer of their students on time.

The number of these schools in the state has dropped from 106 to 78 in the last decade.

State plans bicycle and pedestrian systems

Staff Reports

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is currently developing a new statewide plan for bicyclists and pedestrians in order to guide future investments in biking and walking.

The plan will examine how to construct a safer bicycle and pedestrian network that will provide opportunities for physical activity and be an asset for economic development.

The department is seeking a consultant to help facilitate the plan, which is scheduled to be finalized next spring.

The process will be looking at the health impacts of bicycle and pedestrian investments, identifying strategies to improve safety, implementing policies that will encourage biking and walking and updating the state's existing 3,000-mile system.

Obama does not support Amendment One bill

Staff Reports

According to Cameron French, North Carolina Press Secretary for Obama for America, President Obama is opposed to Amendment One.

The amendment, which is up for vote on May 8, will affect both homosexual and heterosexual couples if passed.

"The record is clear that the President has long opposed divisive and discriminatory efforts to deny rights and benefits to same-sex couples," said French.

Obama does not support the amendment as it will discriminate against committed gay and lesbian couples, reported NBC 17.

Students participate in marketing contest

Staff Reports

Two teams of ECU students are creating marketing campaigns for Honda and a social search engine start-up company.

Fifty-eight seniors are designing a strategy to reach college students ages 18-25. Each team is given \$3,000 to spend on the project.

Thirty-three students are competing in the startUP Productions Marketing Challenge to create a campaign for

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Kelly Watson, Louis Cameron, Josh Martinkovic and Carly Terrier go over papers in the Student Government Association office in Mendenhall Student Center.

SGA elections change

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After much controversy during SGA elections last year, changes have been made in hopes of complete clarity and fairness.

The elections timeline has been changed in order to increase participation from students. Candidates filing for executive branch and senate seats started on March 14 and will continue until today at 5 p.m. Candidates must complete the Elections Filing packet and turn it in no later than this deadline. As of Friday, about 40 packets were picked up by students interested in running for the 26 available positions. A new implication by

Brennon Morton, elections committee chairman, is that an elections committee member must be present to accept the filing packet, to ensure completion and to answer any last questions.

"The new changes in the elections process will bring a new perspective. The old way hindered the student's involvement in SGA," said Chelsea Roach, SGA secretary.

Candidates are allowed to start campaigning today after the mandatory compulsory meeting at 7 p.m. in Bate 1032. The meeting is required for all candidates and if they cannot make it, they must have a representative present for them. The representative may not take the picture for the candidate that will be used during the elections.

SGA is also adding a debate for the executive branch candidates into the elections this year. The debate will be on April 2 at 6 p.m. on Mendenhall Brickyard. Morton hopes that many students will gain expectations of what the candidates want and get a good idea of what the candidates stand for. The committee made the decision to hold the debate outside so that many people will be able to listen to the candidate's answers.

Justin Davis, SGA treasurer, said that the elections process is much improved and more specific. "There is less chance for meaningless

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Roommate law could change



Junior middle grade education major Megan French sits at the dinner table doing homework while her roommate, Hannah Ross, washes dishes.

Abbey Way
STAFF WRITER

The city ordinance that states no more than three unrelated persons can live in a house together may change depending on the vote of the city council.

"During our council meeting on Thursday, it became an action item under the topic of neighborhood preservation, which is really con-

trary, but that is what council voted to do," said Marion Blackburn, a city council member who was one of two members who opposed the decision. "When you have more than three, you become a boarding house and it becomes harmful to neighborhoods and is not good for students because

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Lateral program gives math, science teacher certification

Caitlin Hunnicutt
STAFF WRITER

The State Board of Education approved the North Carolina New School's Project's Science, Technology, Engineering (STEP) and Math Teacher Education Program, a lateral-entry teacher certification program.

The program is supported by the federal Transitions to Teaching grant that encourages non-traditional teacher education programs, and seeks out highly trained professionals in math and education to become teachers in that field in the state of North Carolina, according to a press release from the North Carolina New Schools Project.

"My opinion is that this is a necessary evil," said Michael Bossé, math education coordinator for the university. "We desperately need teachers and this is one way for professionals to get into the job field. Some of these people are excellent professionals who just need some course work and background."

The NCNSP is one of 30 programs nationwide that received the federal grant in mid-January. Candidates for the program were to apply at the beginning of March.

These candidates will go through a 15-month training period at a learning lab and will receive a year of on-the-job training. The learning laboratories serve as demonstration high schools in North Carolina are Caldwell Early College, Cross Creek Early College, Hillside New Tech High School and the Wayne School of Engineering, according to the NCNSP press release.

"I don't think it's that great of an idea; I think you really need the experience. Being in a four-year college you get a lot of experience, and I

think it's very beneficial becoming a teacher," said Amber Baigel, a junior elementary education major. "I feel like there is a lot going on to try to figure it all out [in a 15-month period]."

These lateral entry programs are an alternative to attending a university and receiving a teaching degree. Because of the high demand for math, science, engineering and technology teachers, this non-traditional program is encouraged to professionals in the field.

"Do we prefer a four-year degree, so they can get all of the course work in all the background? Yes, but we realize that's not where many people are in their lives, to go get a four-year degree," said Bossé.

Lateral-entry programs should not alter the amount of students who seek out getting a four-year degree in education. Candidates for lateral entry programs have to be recent college graduates in a related field, or mid-career professionals with significant experience.

"We're talking about two very different clientele," said Bossé. "Typically, they've all had their bachelor's in their field and some exposure for 10-20 years; they're coming in from very different situations. I don't think it pulls away from our undergrad program at all because they are people in very different states of their lives."

ECU offers non-traditional options for people seeking a licensure in North Carolina. The university offers lateral-entry programs and licensure-only programs. Students go through the offices of alternative licensure, have their transcripts and life-experience

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There is currently a high demand for teachers in the state, especially in math and science.

reviewed, and are given a track to receive their teaching license, according to Bossé. "I think we have an excellent program for our lateral-

entry students, and I think it is a great opportunity for them to get those components that they are still lacking and prepare for the class-

room," said Bossé.

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Pirates helping pets

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Students in collaboration with the Pitt County Animal shelter will be holding a collar drive for animals in Pitt County. Starting this month, they will be collecting collars for dogs and cats that do not have one to help promote the four rabies vaccination clinics that the animal shelter will be holding until June at various locations.

The students in the Senior Capstone Communication class were told to pick a community organization to partner up with and help with an event. Four of these students have organized this collar drive to raise awareness for the amount of stray animals in Greenville and to draw attention to the Pitt County Animal Shelter.

"The Pitt County Animal Shelter doesn't get a lot of exposure and we wanted to do this project to bring more attention to it," said Morgan Jeter, a senior communication major. The animal shelter held their first out of four free rabies vaccination events on Saturday, where about 252 dogs and cats received rabies vaccinations.

"The purpose of these clinics is to serve the community. Some people just can't afford to take their pets to the vet," said Michelle Whaley, manager of the animal shelter.

Rabies is a viral disease that affects the brain and is almost always deadly in animals. According to the animal shelter, although uncommon, animals that develop rabies must be quarantined for six months or put to sleep since there is no known cure for rabies in animals.

"It is our hope that on the day of the vaccination clinic, animals can leave with collars and rabies tags, so if they get lost, their owners can be found," said Mary Fountain, also senior communication major.

Every day, animals are sent to the Pitt County Animal Shelter in hopes of being reunited with their owners or being adopted, and about half of them do not have any form of identification when they arrive.

"Most people assume all the animals we get are strays, but you can tell when an animal has an owner," said Whaley.

According to the animal shelter, about 40 to 50 animals are brought to the shelter a week. Usually, about one animal is adopted every day, but it can vary. Due to the high volume of animals, it is not possible for the shelter to keep every animal that comes in because of the small amount of space and the expenses involved in keeping the animals at the shelter.

Pets sent to the animal shelter are kept for 72 hours, not including Sundays or holidays, in order to give their owner the most potential to find them. After the 72 hours, animals are euthanized due to lack of space.

"Just from visiting the shelter, I wanted to help," said Jeter. "We wanted to help raise awareness for the shelter to support adoption rates."

The animal shelter wants to make sure every animal can leave the vaccination event with a collar if they do not have one. Anyone can donate a collar, old or new, and the shelter encourages staging of boxes and is willing to provide a pick-up service if needed.

The next three rabies vaccination clinics will take place on April 21, May 5, and June 2. All of the clinics are free and anyone is welcome to bring in their pet.

"Just from doing this project, my opinion of the shelter has improved. They do a lot of fundraising and everyone is really passionate about the animals," said Fountain.

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'Healthy Pirates' website found guilty of infringement

Staff Reports

A Greenville man was found guilty of trademark infringement while using the Healthy Pirates domain, a website for a health magazine.

Healthy Pirates magazine is created as a guide for nutrition and health and has an estimated 15,000 readers every quarter.

Roy Hopkins Jr. was ordered to no longer use the term "Pirates", or images of skulls, crossbones or any logos similar to the ECU logo, and no use of the purple and gold color scheme.

"I think he should be able to use the colors. Lots of people use those colors. If it's not the actual ECU logo, he should be ok," said Kelsey Phillips, a sophomore elementary education major.

ECU has had a campus student organization, Healthy Pirates, for years. The organization promotes health and wellness through peer health educators. The students in the organization are trained to teach other students about health issues.

The judge found that Hopkins Jr. infringed and diluted five counts of the US Trademark Registration. According to the complaint that was filed, "Defendant has attempted to capitalize on and unlawfully profit from Plaintiff's good will by providing goods and services related to those associated with Plaintiff's Marks, and by doing so, in conjunction with word marks, logos, and color schemes, intended to cause confusion or to deceive as to Defendant's affiliation, connection, or

association with Plaintiff".

"I don't think that's fair. It seems like too much; all of that isn't necessary," said Emily Gerring, a freshmen public relations major.

Currently, the website that Hopkins Jr. compiled has been changed and is no longer HealthyPirates.com. It automatically redirects users to Profitness24-7.com. The latest edition of the magazine also had a new style and colors on the cover.

"We constantly keep our eyes open, looking for the possibility that marks may be infringed or may be used inappropriately. We have a duty to take action when we see that," said Donna Payne, the university attorney.

Before going to court over the issue in April 2011, the university did attempt to reach a mutually accepted resolution. "The decision to sue only came when it was very clear that it was going to be impossible to resolve without litigation," said Payne.

Hopkins Jr. was ordered by a judge to transfer the domain to East Carolina University and to pay court and attorney costs, estimated to be \$36,357.03.

According to Payne, "The judgment is officially recorded. The enforcement of the various aspects of the judgment, particular collection of the attorney's fees, may require additional action. For example, you seize property and assets if the defend doesn't come forward and pay the judgment immediately."

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they can get ripped off."

Mayor Allen Thomas is in favor of a revision that will allow some homeowners around the university to apply for a special permit that would be renewed each year. He said it would allow owners of the large Victorian homes around campus with plenty of parking and four or five bedrooms with multiple bathrooms to rent to more than three unrelated people in one home.

"About 70 percent of the city is rental property in Greenville and those people have rights to," Thomas said. "We have large properties where people have difficulty paying their mortgage, and they are citizens to and they have the right to make their case."

But according to Blackburn, there are several reasons why it should stay as it is.

"It would create a burden on the neighborhood because you have residential areas that were meant for families and couples, and now all of a sudden, you have home after home that is acting almost like a boarding house," Blackburn said. "The neighborhood just wasn't built for that and it is a situation that is not good for students."

However, some students disagree.

"It would help more people be able to afford living off campus because it can help

more students afford to live with their friends," said Chase Miller, a sophomore business management major. "It would also help out the rental business by allowing more homes to be rented and get the actual price they are asking."

But Blackburn says this is a big misconception.

"It makes everybody's rent go up because it inflates the market because they want more and more people in the house and they charge them more money, so it won't be cheaper," Blackburn said.

She also added that renting houses to more than the allowed number of roommates increases city code violations like trash and the number of cars parked in the lawns.

Thomas said, "I don't think it is appropriate to assume that college students can't do a good job and I am not sure why three is the magic number."

Miller said he is living in a house this year to be part of a mature community.

"I wanted a place where I could come home at night and just relax, and not worry about people above me being loud or the people next door throwing a party late at night," Miller said.

In addition to increased violations Blackburn also said that the percentage of rented houses in the community is unhealthy. About 85 percent

of the houses around the university are rented. According to Blackburn, a healthy percentage is between 10 and 20.

"One of my goals as a city council member is to bring that percentage down and increases the number of people that own houses," Blackburn said. "That is what we want more of because that keeps the neighborhood healthy and safe."

Jakub Trzasalski, a sophomore international business major, is currently looking to rent a house and said he was not aware of the law.

"I've been talking to a lot of realtors lately and none of them told me about this law," Trzasalski said. "I find it quite unprofessional, especially considering the fact that my friends and I were shown a four-bedroom house two days ago."

Fraternities and sororities are exempt from the rule because they were grandfathered in since they existed before the law was made.

The final decision will be made within the next six months.

"Any chance we can review and do things better is something I'm always going to advocate to make our community better and safer for people to live in," Thomas said.

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violations and it allows students to make an educated choice of candidates due to a longer process."

The polls will open on OneStop at midnight on Tuesday, April 3, and close at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday April 5. In order to increase the student participation in voting, the elections committee made the decision to have 24-hour voting access. The goal is to have 20 percent of students participate in voting.

According to Morton, when students cast their vote, they do not have to vote for all of one ticket. If a student prefers, the secretary on one ticket, rather than the other, they can vote accordingly.

The elections committee will have five polling locations around campus where students can log in and cast their vote. The polling stations will be at Wright Place, Mendenhall Student Center, West End Dining Hall, Todd Dining Hall, and

in front of the Allied Health Building on the Health Sciences Campus. Students will be able to recognize the polling staff and elections committee members because they will be wearing gray. Therefore, candidates are not allowed to wear gray during the three days of voting.

"Realistically, I think it will take a whole elections cycle to really let students know that they are a part of SGA," said Patrick Edwards, SGA advisor. "The students are taking the change with stride because they wanted it as well, and they are making the changes so that things can be more inclusive."

Another change was the requirements for a student that wants to run for president and vice-president. The students must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at the university.


Meredith Shaw, student body chief justice, and her four

associate justices unanimously voted on the change because they feel that every student that has those minimum credit hours can represent the student body. According to Morton, this change can be found in Article 4 of the Executive Branch in the Student Government Association Constitution.

Morton said, "We want to see the student body initiate the change in community, at the university, and in their personal lives." Morton continued to say that through the changes in the SGA elections process, he wants the students to know that, "(SGA) is here for them."

For any questions about the elections process or to volunteer, contact Brennon Morton at electionschair@ecu.edu.

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Professor, I hope you understand why I didn't pass your test ... it is March Madness after all.

Has football started yet?

A web poll question that I would actually vote in: What is sexier yoga pants or short shorts?

Becoming "southern" is a lot like puberty. Your voice changes, and your balls succeed from the north.

The probability that you'll answer your phone on the quiet floor of the library is proportionate to the likelihood that you'll answer with "Yo."

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A friend with weed is a friend indeed.

Is it just me or did 70 degree weather make College Hill look like a college brochure?

My roommate's dog just ate all of her keef.

That awkward moment during a test and you don't know any of the answers, so you just start laughing because you know you're screwed.

Anytime a bird takes a crap on my car, I eat an entire plate of scrambled eggs on my porch. Just to show the birds what I'm capable of.

I have a memory foam mattress ... and I really hope that it doesn't remember everything.

Thanks for pretending not to see me when I was pretending not to see you in order to avoid a miserably awkward conversation that neither of us wanted to have.

Don't text me while I'm texting you, now I have to change my text.

December 21, 2012 ... The day Facebook crashes.

I've always wanted to get into a cab and yell, "Follow that car!!!"

Dear Soldier, what is a Pirate's favorite restaurant? You think its ARRRRBYS, but its really Long John Silvers.

Like a plague, the pumpkin patch kids have emerged with the warm weather.

Dear students, I know when you're texting in class. No one just looks down at their crotch and smiles!

To the girl in Fletcher who flashed me from her window: I didn't have my glasses on. Take two?

I'm not going to tell people to stop bullying, because they won't. But TEC should not be allowing bullying on a public forum. Have some integrity.

There goes my bracket.

My apartment smells of rich mahogany and many leather-bound books.

Yes I have a 3.4 GPA. And yes, I am also prescribed Adderall. And yes, that probably has a lot to do with it.

Separation of church and ... double standards?



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On May 8, North Carolina voters will decide whether to add an amendment to the state constitution specifically defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

To clarify, this is not a "gay marriage ban," as same-sex marriage is already prohibited in the state.

Surrounding this issue is talk of "family values" and

the ever-elusive "sanctity of marriage," which supporters of Amendment One (those who are in favor of defining marriage in a way that purposefully does not include same-sex couples) have long argued would be compromised by gay marriage.

Seeing that gay and lesbian couples are already barred from

marrying in the state of North Carolina, why is this measure necessary? The motives are blurry, but from the mouths of some of its proponents, specifically Rep. Paul Stam (R-N.C.), it is to help deal with issues we are "not equipped to handle," including divorce, child custody, domestic violence and the rights of civil unions and so-called "common law" marriages. In each of these cases, the rights of couples in same-sex relationships would be limited by

the amendment's passing. In effect, gays and lesbians will be viewed even more as second-class citizens in our state than they already are by the law.

What bothers me isn't the insensitivity of this measure, or any of the others like it across the country, or even the unquestioning support it has received from so many with hollow, stock phrases like "protecting the sanctity of marriage." What irks me most is, when asking someone why he or she supports such a measure, one that would deny their neighbors rights based on circumstances that do not directly affect them in any conceivable way, simply stating "I am a Christian" seems to be accepted as a self-explanatory justification.

Using a half-baked religious justification to repress others isn't a novel concept. In fact, it has become a routine in our country for a large part of the voting Christian majority. This, however, does not make the argument any more valid; quite frankly, it shouldn't be an excuse.

I find it unnecessary to burden this article with affirmations of my heterosexuality (with which I'm already very comfortable) or my faith as any kind of Christian (any form of which I couldn't, in good faith, categorize myself as), but I don't feel that it has to be brought up in an argument like the one surrounding this amendment. There does not necessarily have to be a Christian justification for or against this subject. As in a secular and civilized society, it should be entirely irrelevant.

I'm willing to accept the particularly arrogant and short-sighted argument supporters of Amendment One have provided: that



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The Irish Pirate

Surviving St. Patty's Day in Greenville



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Per my Twitter timeline and Facebook news feed, my fellow Pirates enjoyed this past weekend to the fullest. Whether it was the nice warm weather, the outrageous pool parties, or the massive house parties, Greenville certainly lived up to its reputation. Personally, I myself would like to contribute the success to St. Patrick's Day.

Across the country, people prepared to drink their livers into oblivion for the annual March 17th celebration. This being my first 21st St. Patrick's Day, I was eager to find out what I was missing out on. Guinness and green beer (Sam Adams and Budweiser are actually the go-to beers even on this day) turned the average American into a temporary resident of the Emerald Isle. "Kiss me, I'm Irish!" shirts polluted the downtown scene worse than the squirrels when you're in a rush to get through the Mall.

Not everyone is as enthusiastic about the raging St. Patty's drinkers, though. The excessive drinking aggravates those who regard St. Patrick's Day as a religious holiday, after all, the man IS a saint. But did you know that St. Patrick himself began this drinking tradition?

Irish legend has it that St. Patrick served an amount of whiskey that he considered an inadequate serving. St. Patrick took this opportunity to teach the innkeeper a lesson in generosity and so he told

the innkeeper that there was a devil in the cellar who fed off the innkeeper's dishonesty. To get rid of the devil, the innkeeper must change his ways. Later, St. Patrick returned to the pub and he found the owner filling the patron's glasses to the point where they were overflowing. St. Patrick and the innkeeper ventured to the cellar where they found the devil emaciated from the generosity of the innkeeper. In celebration, it was proclaimed that everyone have a drop of the "hard stuff" on St. Patrick's Day.

Do note they said, "drop," not pint or binges. Whereas the celebration brings abnormal sights such as green rivers, it also contributes to America's highest percentages of binge drinking, especially among college students. The Harvard School of Public Health has linked this holiday with 1,400 deaths each year in the college population.

Numerous reports online create the consensus that St. Patrick's Day is in fact the most dangerous drinking holiday. Just four hours away in Roanoke, Va. law enforcement were concerned as the holiday fell on a Saturday this year. Statistically speaking, the number of alcohol related collisions doubles.

We are all aware (or should be because we are constantly reminded) of the dangers of alcohol. Per East Carolina, 110,000 college students have been arrested for alcohol related violations and 31% meet the criteria for alcohol abuse. You are 21 times more likely to engage in unplanned, thus unprotected, sexual activity with the consump-

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Don't trash sanitation staff



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If students are truly upset by tuition hikes, they should be coming out to support the city sanitation workers in the spirit of shared solidarity. These are shared struggles, and we are all being oppressed by the same system.

We give our silent allegiance to this system by taking loans that won't come back to haunt us until we graduate. Working folk give their silent allegiance to it by taking paltry wages and working multiple jobs just to make ends meet.

Back in November 2011, the city sanitation workers walked off the job. Management had added a new policy that required workers to rat out coworkers who were not coming in on time. This created a hostile work environment and they felt belittled in the process.

Many city sanitation workers spoke out at a city council meeting, discontent with their working

conditions. The wages they earn are low and many can barely scrape by to support their families. Some workers have even reported being denied worker's compensation for injuries on the job.

Since Nov. 9, United Electrical Local Workers 150 has been involved with helping the sanitation workers in their struggle, as well as the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Pitt County Coalition Against Racism and Occupy Greenville.

Martin Luther King Jr. said in 1968 that, "One day, society will come to respect the sanitation worker if it is to survive, for the person who picks up our garbage is in the final analysis as significant as the physician, for if he doesn't do his job, diseases are rampant."

King said this in regards to the striking sanitation workers in Memphis, but it is equally applicable to workers all over. And the real agents of change are the masses, despite our want to pin it on a leader or two.

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RANTS CONT.

If none of my rants got published, I'm going to be mad, and then rant about it.

Shoutout to the guy at Fifth who got the bottle smashed on his head and continued on.

As a fat lesbian, I think you people with the negativity can suck my d***.

To the trans-individual that came to our Women's Psych class: I think you're hot!

St. Patts Day: 1, Me: 0

Hey you ... yeah YOU! This rant is about you ... SHUT UP!

I would do unforgivable things not to have to write this 10 page paper...

Sorority girls blow up my newsfeed so much. So, then I'm like ... delete ... delete ... delete.

Being in the library makes me horny.

So, my vagina comes up in your everyday conversation? Enough so that you gave it a nickname?

Kony has been kidnapping children for 20+ years and no one cared. Six months ago, 200 million barrels of oil were discovered in his area. Kony is now at the top of the docket. Coincidence, I think not.

I wonder how many people forget to register this week because they were still hungover from St. Paddy's.

"She is a kick-boxing instructor. Her ass looks better than my face!" HIMYM

Dear slut, please control your whoremones.

Everyone in the conference room right now! I don't care if you're gay or straight or a lesbian or overweight. Get in here now!

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"God is against gay marriage." While that's interesting, it has no bearing on the issue. One person's faith cannot justify the persecution of another human being if our discussion is to be either rational or fair. There are many religions in this country, and few of these agree on much. We obviously can't grant one a higher authority based on merit, so naturally the majority of Americans, being Christians, have granted themselves a higher authority based on their greater numbers. The claim has often gone around that America is a "Christian Nation," when this is not the case, to justify legal precedent that borders on theocratic rule.

We are a nation of many religions, and many without religion as well. Furthermore, we are a Democratic Republic, one in which we are assured certain rights that are inalienable, regardless

of creed or color, and if any justice can be done, regardless of sexual preferences. We are not a majority-rule mob.

These men and women of the Christian majority were not anointed on high as the judges and repressors of their neighbors. They've appointed themselves, invoking God and scripture only in the absence of any substantive legal argument.

Rejecting Amendment One and its inherent bigotry is one small step for the our state toward the right direction, one that can be made in spite of the long precedent of Bible Belt prejudice, and one that may even pave the way for real societal progress in the future.

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concluded that Pitt County has 21.6 percent of residents living in poverty, which is higher than the state average of 17.4 percent. Poverty occurs when workers cannot make ends meet with the wages they receive. While often there is the effort overall to alleviate poverty, students in particular should help further and attempt to diminish the poverty in Greenville.

Students should unite with the city sanitation workers. These men work jobs that are fundamental to the health of our community. They deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. There is a growing divide in wealth in this country, and soon, we will be out in the work force having to face this as well.

Students can make a positive difference in their community by uniting against racism and exploitation. After all, students and workers are involved in these same struggles against injustice.

Exploitation of the students involves less government funding for education, which causes a lesser quality education and leaves them in large debt upon graduation.

Exploitation of the workers involves cutting their wages and refusing promotions. As students, we should participate in our community more, volunteering and setting up a variety of programs to help those in need. We could come out and show our support, as King said to the sanitation workers in Memphis on March 18, 1968, stating, "We can all get more together than we can apart."

A society where everyone can earn a quality education and earn the wealth they create is one worth striving for. In our age of abundance, there is no moral reason people should be living in want.

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IRISH continued from A4

tion of alcohol. If you were indeed "Pi-rish" this past weekend, I hope that you kept in mind your Pirate Party Principles- know your limits, don't travel alone, and watch your glass. Once statistics are revealed in regards to this past weekend and ECU, programs should be created to offer the same awareness

for St. Patrick's Day as they do for Halloween. There was only one ECU alert, which is unfortunate nonetheless, but that is fewer than the ones we received over "Halloween and homeECUing".

And so, my Irish Pirate, as you attempt to raise your heavy head in preparation to get back into the swing

of things from this weekend, take into consideration that you played it smart and responsible, or so I hope. St. Patrick taught a lesson in generosity for you to take part in such celebration, and for that we thank him.

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Scribbles to the Captain

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Dear Editor,

As an ECU alumni who also wore the Purple and Gold jersey in athletic competition, I would just like to express my disgust at the city of Greenville and the university for their version of Purple and Gold on Charles Blvd. next to the ECU Sports Complex. Just exactly when did PINK become the school colors? Pink cherry trees are planted from the railroad tracks to the ECU sign at Greenville Blvd., adorning our sports facility. Someone needs to "walk the plank"

Likewise, the city of Greenville has planted pink crepe myrtles in the adjacent Charles Blvd. center islands. What an insult. Someone needs to go to the woodshed. This would have

never happened at State or Carolina! Dr. Jenkins and Robert Morgan got it right when they stopped East Carolina College from becoming the University of North Carolina at Greenville. When Jenkins retired, his final newspaper front-page photograph was taken with the beginnings of our sports complex in the background. To fill his shoes, his replacement was said to need to "bleed Purple and sweat Gold!" There's a lot of heritage here at stake. I just hope Jenkins hasn't already rolled over in his grave with those PINK trees.

Van Brown
ECU Class of '69, '78

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Aries (March 21 -April 19)

You're quite ambitious — and everyone knows it. Today, you need to act on those ambitions, as your energy is perfectly in line with your goals. You should find it easier to get ahead.



Taurus (April 20 -May 20)

This is a good time for slow, steady, regular work — not for crazy ideas or playful banter. Just get things done and you should find you've got plenty of time later for frolic. Keep others in line, if you must.



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

You feel the need to get going on something new, thanks to a deep change in part of your psyche that you can't fully explain. You should meet someone new who can show you the ropes.



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

Your left brain is active today, but you need to kick it into high gear if you want to get to the bottom of whatever has been troubling you lately. The intellectual approach is best for now.



Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

You need to deal with someone close who isn't pulling their weight. It's best to treat them gently — they probably have something going on down deep that they haven't told you about quite yet.



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sept 22)

Are you so sure of yourself that you can't stand doubts? Now is the time to open your thinking up to new possibilities — they're everywhere, and you are much more likely to pick a winner today.



Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

You try something new on the spur of the moment (or maybe on a dare from a good friend) and it turns out quite well for you! See if you can turn this into something bigger and better!



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

Someone blows up early today over a provocation that seems laughable to outsiders. It might even be you, though the odds are better that it's a close friend or family member. Tread lightly!



Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Today is perfect for meeting new people and making new connections. Your network could always grow a little more, and you ought to be able to move in a good direction if you push things a little.



Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

You can see what you want pretty clearly today, but you may have to refrain from action for the time being. Your vision is clear, so try to recruit others who may be sympathetic to the cause.



Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

You are feeling more and more excited today — things are going your way, and you can see how it all lines up in your favor. It's a good time for you to make a difference and shake things up in a good way!



Pisces (Feb 19 -March 20)

Intellectual prowess is on display today, so make sure that you're letting folks know what you think. Big ideas are highly valued, and you should find that at least one of yours has a real impact.



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Tim Danchar, a junior criminal justice major, stocks up on Kleenex and Claritin. Pollen is on the rise in Greenville and students have begun to feel the effects.

Allergies attack students

Leila Falls

STAFF WRITER

Today marks the first day of spring — the season of fluffy bunnies and colorful flowers. But all that fluff blooms into something not so happy: seasonal allergies.

"At least one out of every five Americans suffers from allergies," states WebMD, which explains that every allergy-stricken person has certain triggers.

The typical "achoo" or scratchy throat symptom depends on the type of allergen, such as the viciously popular pollen invader.

"The body responds to the allergen as if it were a virus, such as the cold or flu," according to Student Health Services' allergies pamphlet, which references why symptoms occur.

In the past 30 days, 40 students have been diagnosed at Student Health Services with allergic rhinitis, which involves nasal issues caused by allergies.

"That does not include the people that have just come in for advice or to see the pharmacist," said Ellen Goldberg, nurse manager at Student Health Services since 2003.

The nasal sprays Nasonex and Flonase are the most prescribed allergy reducers by Student Health Services. However, over-the-counter oral medications like Claritin or Zyrtec are usually recommended for runny noses and itchy eyes.

"For many people, medicine won't take allergies (which are incurable) completely away," said Goldberg. "But it will certainly help."

The top recommendation for allergy reduction is avoiding allergens, such as limiting outdoor activity if pollen is the perpetrator, especially when things start blooming on car hoods and windshields.

"Pollen counts tend to be lowest in the early morning and late afternoon," states the allergies pamphlet.

Many students that go to Student Health Services are unaware of their own allergies since they have never been attacked by them before living in Greenville.



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Melissa Good, a sophomore criminal justice major, suffers from allergies while spending time outdoors.



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Many students have visited Student Health Services in the past 30 days complaining of allergic rhinitis (nasal issues).

"There are different plants, trees and grasses here that trigger allergies for a lot of students from up north, for example. That's true even for students from a different part of North Carolina," said Goldberg, who believes that allergies are starting early this year because of the warm weather.

An article titled, "Spring Allergies Strike Early This Year," through WebMD Health News, describes the untimely arrival.

"We have not seen pollen counts this high, this early, as long as I can remember," said Stanley M. Fine-man M.D., president of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

Unfortunately, the blame does not fall just with the blooming weather because allergies have been

linked to genetics.

"They also may get better or worse as a person ages," according to the allergies pamphlet, which indicates that the most common ones involve dander from animals, dust, mold and pollen.

Goldberg recommends using an air filter, keeping windows closed at night, and vacuuming regularly to reduce the exposure to creepy-crawly allergens.

Number twenty-four on the pamphlet's list of 40 tips to help with allergies is to steer clear from using window fans, which bring in pollen or evaporative coolers that raise the humidity level.

"Laundering sheets and towels really help, because you carry things in your hair and on your body," said Goldberg. Allergens lurk in different

environments, and typically begin assault with a sneeze or a cough. "It's not fun to limit outdoor activity, but it really makes a difference," said Goldberg, who believes one red flag is a pollen-covered car.

Regrettably, hunks of one-color pollen and fluffy-dust bunnies are here to stay for a while. But have no fear because WebMD invented a catchphrase to comfort the pains of using up the last lotion-filled tissue: "By tuning into your allergy triggers, you can rein in your reactions."

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Stepping in the 'write' direction



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Alumnus Lester Howard has published two books.

Rex Rose

STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you mix an all-consuming fire and passion for writing with an opportunity for second chances? You get a man who overcame what may seem like a negative past. He didn't see it that way though, all he saw was rebirth written in huge flames.

Lester Howard, a 42-year-old communication major with a concentration in public relations, just published his second book, "The Rebirth of Fire Collector's Edition," in January. His collection of short stories and poems is an extension of his first book, "This Time: The Rebirth of Fire."

The three themes throughout both of Howard's books are relationships, religion and rebirth. Rebirth, which means starting to flourish or increase after a decline, is something that Howard knows about all too well.

Howard's up and down journey began in school, where his favorite subjects were English and reading. He said that he had always excelled at the subjects.

"The defining moment was when I was in the 8th grade; I had to write a creative writing essay. I chose the subject of judgment day, and my teacher, upon reading the paper, called for

a parent-teacher conference," said Howard.

His teacher then accused Howard of plagiarizing the paper. "My father told her that he was certain that I didn't copy the story," he continued. However, regardless of his father's urging, the teacher still gave him a C+ on the paper.

"At that point, I kind of knew that if my work was good enough to challenge an 8th grade teacher's ethical beliefs on whether or not it was legitimate, this might be something I want to do," said Howard. "And at that point, I started writing a lot of poetry and short stories and that is where my desire and passion to write was born."

Although his passion to write was kindled in his earlier years, the flame laid dormant for many years. During this latent time period, Howard found himself making bad decisions that ultimately led him to two different prison sentences.

"Rather than go to college, I opted to hit the streets. I led a street gang and I started selling drugs and, ultimately, using drugs," he said.

His criminal behavior landed him in prison for the first time, and then 45 days after his release, he committed another crime that

I'll just do it this one time



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Everyone has his or her bad days. Some people try to improve their days by watching mindless television, eating tons of sweets or drinking alcohol with their friends. Now, an increasing number of students nationwide are turning to prescription drugs to make their days better.

Bob Morphet, a licensed clinical addictions specialist in the Center for Counseling and Student Development, is amazed at how prescription drug abuse has skyrocketed on this campus and other campuses nationwide.

Morphet said, "I have done this job for 20 years, and this year, I have seen more people addicted to these prescription drugs than any other year I've been here." He added that research from the National Institute on Drug Abuse backs up the trends he sees on campus.

There are two classes of prescription drugs that students flock to. In general terms, they are pain pills and anxiety medications. Some of the most common pain pills used are Opana, Vicodin and Roxicodone, which are usually called "Roxies." Some of the most common anxiety medications are Valium, Xanax and Atavan.

"People are not aware how physically addictive these pills can be," Morphet stated. He also noted that pills are readily available and easily divertible, as well as "socially acceptable" because they treat everything from headaches to PMS to depression.

Counseling for prescription drug abuse is available on campus for free, but Morphet believes that everyone can turn his or herself around.

"Most people I meet are decent and quite bright. I don't know what it is that attracts them to this lifestyle," he said. Sometimes people need more help than the counseling center can provide, but the center can make those options more easily available.

Daniel Williams* (name has been changed to protect identity), a graduate student at ECU, traveled down a long road of addiction before reaching the positive point he is at now. When he arrived at ECU in 2004 as an undergraduate student, he heavily consumed alcoholic beverages and smoked marijuana, but that was as far as he would go. He ended up leaving ECU after one semester due to poor grades.

In Fall 2007, Williams returned to ECU and continued his partying habits. It was not until 2008 that Williams was introduced to Xanax.

"I used to take it every once in a while, and then, I would just have fun," he said.

By March 2009, he had introduced the occasional Vicodin or Percoset to his life. Then, once in a while became twice a week, and then every day.

Williams said, "By the

summer of 2009, I was taking a higher milligram because it had stopped working and I wanted to enjoy the way it felt."

He said that at this point, he had been spending so much money on painkillers that he needed to stop smoking marijuana because he could not afford it.

"Oxycotin was what you wanted at that time," he noted, "but you got really excited about Opana."

In 2009, right before the new year and the spring semester, Williams was comfortable with his lifestyle.

"At this point, I wasn't miserable yet and things had not gotten bad and I had money," Williams said.

Then, he and his friend met a man who had an endless supply of morphine. This was the first time Williams tried any drug intravenously. He remembers seeing those people enjoying themselves and "they didn't die," so he decided to try it, even though he said that he never wanted to do IV drugs.

Williams said, "There are things you say you will never do, but when you do them, there only becomes a new 'I'll never...' He claims that at this point, he and his friends were the "guys you didn't want to be."

In 2010, Williams got "dope sick" when he could not get up with the dealer. "I never knew what physically addicted meant," he said.

He was in class when he started sweating and experiencing stomachaches and chills. His health, however, wasn't the only thing that began to suffer. His finances also took a hit as he started owing money to the dealer. money is gone and the dope is gone and you know you can't spend more money, but you do," he said.

By March 2010, he was "broke and sick as f***." He quit doing drugs other than alcohol and marijuana for a few months. Then, Williams' birthday came around and he wanted to get high on other things again.

The cycle began once more for him, but once in a while again turned into every day. One day, nobody he knew had pills in town, but his friend knew a guy with heroin.

"I loved heroin the first time I tried it," Williams said. He was doing about 10 bags a week (\$200) and was funding his addiction with his financial aid money.

"I started graduate school doped up," Williams claimed. It was in graduate school that he realized he did not want to be addicted anymore. He went to the counseling center, but it was not working out for him. "I would go get help and then get high," he noted.

By January 2011, his health and relationships were deeply suffering. He ran out of money, so he sold items. Some of the items he sold were stolen.

One student shares his struggle with prescription drugs



"It got to the point where I didn't want to get high, but my body needed it. I started being sick as soon as I woke up and it was absolutely terrible," he remembered. In early summer, he stopped doing heroin. Then, in mid-summer, he yearned for it again.

"You always risk an overdose, especially when you haven't done it in a while," Williams mentioned. It was his yearning for heroin that got him arrested.

"I have never been happier in my life to be arrested; it saved my life," he stated. He attended his first 12-step Narcotics Anonymous program not long after his arrest and he attributes the program to his success now.

His parents were heartbroken and began taking him to school and sitting with him through work and classes.

"You do what you do to get things back that you love and I wanted to be clean," he noted. He says that drugs were not the problem, but that he was the problem.

"I am coming up nine months clean," he said with pride. Williams is trying to come up with new, learned behaviors so that he can remain in recovery.

"We write our own stories," Williams noted. "It doesn't have to be this way."

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put him back in the hole. Howard explained that this was a huge turning point in his life, and that while his family was very supportive the first time he went to jail, the second time, they weren't so willing to forgive.

"That time around, my mom, my dad and my sister didn't come to visit, the letters were few and far apart, and the money was thin. I had to survive; it forced me to consider life," said Howard. "I talked to God and I told him if he gave me one more chance, I would make good on it."

He was given this second chance when he was released from prison seven years earlier than expected. He stuck with his promise when he began writing again and enrolled at ECU, where he met English professor Debbie O'Neal, who challenged him and the flame that had been lying dormant for so many years.

"He showed up in freshman [composition] class and freshmen are pretty apprehensive. It is one of their first classes, it is a small class and then you have this guy that is clearly older than them," said O'Neal.

She went on to say that their apprehension soon disappeared.

"At first, you could tell from their body language that they were a little bit leery of Lester and then, as the semester went on, it was like who could sit closest to Lester. He so

impacted the dialogue in this class because he challenged the students to think differently," said O'Neal. "I felt like what I contributed to it was that I gave him the safety zone to express it and not be judged."

O'Neal may be a bit humble about the fuel she added to the fire because according to Howard, she challenged him in new ways and even wrote the forward to his first book.

But the passion didn't die out with the publishing of his two books and Howard is now working hard to spread the flames of creativity.

He is achieving this goal through his company, Zion Promotions, which gives other independent artists, ranging from musicians to poets, knowledge of how to further their careers and stages in which to showcase their talents.

"When I was younger, I used to love to write, but then I got lost somewhere in the street life. But when I finally got my head back on straight, that fire was reborn," said Howard. "I want to spread that as much as I possibly can; I want to set other artists, writers and independents on fire."

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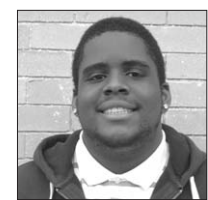
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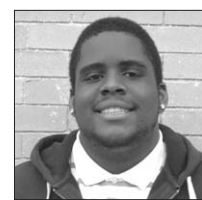
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