



BRIEFS

Hamstring Hustle to be held on Saturday

Staff Reports

The 18th annual Hamstring Hustle 5K Run/Walk will be held this Saturday to benefit the ECU Pediatric Healthy Weight Research and Treatment Center.

Registration for the event begins at 8:15 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m. beside Moe's Southwestern Grill on Red Banks Rd.

The race will wind through the Lynndale neighborhood and is a USA Track and Field-certified course and sanctioned event.

The event is open to runners and walkers of all ages and has been organized by the Medical Student Council at the Brody School of Medicine.

A portion of the proceeds raised will benefit the ECU Pediatric Healthy Weight Research and Treatment Center.

Book sale will benefit Humane Society

Staff Reports

The Human Society of Eastern North Carolina will be holding a book sale from March 28 to April 1 to benefit the cats and dogs it cares for.

The sale will be held in front of the women's Belk department store and Victoria's Secret in Greenville Mall.

Book prices range from 50 cents to \$4, and on the last day, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., bags of books will be sold for \$5.

All proceeds will go toward housing, food and medical costs for more than 400 animals.

Fraternity prepares for Easter egg hunt on mall

Staff Reports

Phi Sigma Pi honor fraternity is preparing for its eleventh annual Easter egg hunt for the children of university faculty members and the public.

The hunt will be held this Saturday on the Mall area of campus and will begin at 1 p.m., with games and other activities will begin at noon.

Folklore Society to visit university this weekend

Staff Reports

This Saturday, the university will host the 99th annual meeting of the North Carolina Folklore Society.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. in room 1031 of the Bate Building.

This year's theme for the meeting is "Resilience" and is free and open to the public.

Topics to be covered at the meeting are resilience and identity, community responses to environmental and social change, and the role of folklife in community-based economic development.

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Experts warn sunbathers



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Education major Jessica Utley and communication major Natalie Hallman sunbathe with the help of tanning oil.

Maddie Laing

STAFF WRITER

As pool season begins, students may be unknowingly subjecting themselves to harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, one in five Americans will contract some form of skin cancer in his or her life.

According to the ECU Division of Dermatology, people who do not use sunscreen could be subjecting themselves to three types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer and can be seen in the form of a mole, sore lump or an irregular growth on the skin.

The most dangerous thing a student can do (in

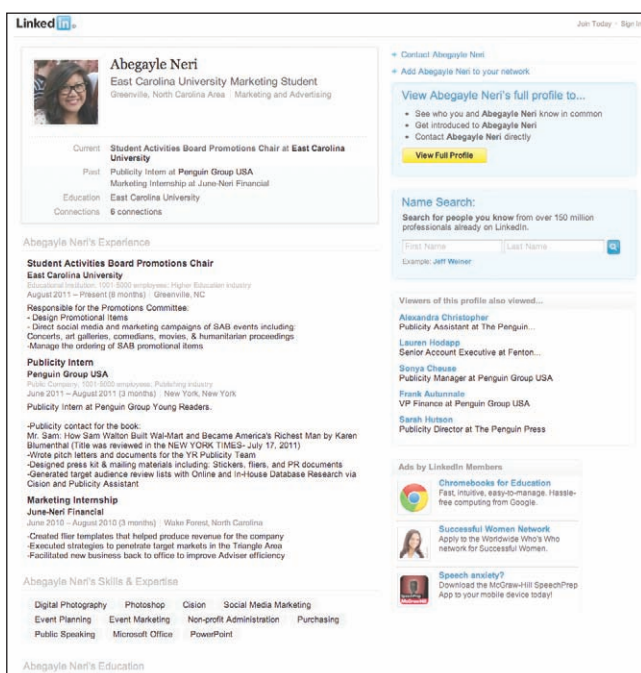
regards to the sun) is not use sunscreen," said Charles M. Phillips, division chief and professional of medicine at the ECU Department of Dermatology.

The sun contains damaging UV-A and UV-B rays that can both lead to skin cancer and premature aging of the skin. UV-B rays only affect the top layer of the skin causing sunburn, while UV-A rays deeply penetrate the skin.

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, every blistering sunburn as an adolescent doubles the risk of contracting skin cancer in adulthood. Sunlight is at its peak between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. During these times, the sunrays are most intense, which can

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Social Media helps job seekers



CONTRIBUTED

LinkedIn is a social media outlet that connects professionals.

Abbey Way

STAFF WRITER

The world of social media is rapidly growing with about 854 million users on Facebook, 462 million accounts on Twitter and 135 million LinkedIn profiles.

When it comes to finding a job, many suggest deleting social media accounts, but Tracy Tuten, associate professor of marketing, says using social media can give job seekers an edge.

She explains it all in her book "Social Media Marketing," which is co-authored by Michael Solomon. It is used in social media marketing classes at ECU, St. Joseph's University University of Alabama at Birmingham, Seton Hall University, and about 10 others.

Tuten says employers want to see that students are tech-savvy and social media-savvy.

"This means that students can differentiate themselves by using these tools skillfully," Tuten said. "They can create

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Student Media selects new heads

Jamie Harper

STAFF WRITER

Three university student media organizations have selected and two are currently in the process of selecting, their new student media heads for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The student media organizations include the Buccaneer, The East Carolinian, Campus 31 TV, WZMB, Expressions and Rebel.

According to Sarah Moran, the Media Board chair, "The goal of student media organizations is really to let students know what is going on around campus and to allow students who work for the organizations to express themselves and learn or prepare for the real world."

But some students may not be aware of all that Student Media has to offer. "I pick up a paper sometimes, but I don't know much about the others (organizations)," said Ashley Burrus, a sophomore hospitality management.

The Buccaneer, the university yearbook, was first established in 1907, but no new editions were released for some time, until its resurgence in 2006.

Tori Rodriguez, a sophomore communication major, is currently the editor-in-chief of the Buccaneer and will be returning for the 2012-2013 academic year.

"Basically, we are trying to revitalize the program on campus and recreate the yearbook culture," said Rodriguez. "We want to reinvent the Buccaneer, and really be at the forefront of student's attention and become important to the campus."

The East Carolinian newspaper was established in 1925 and prints editions bi-weekly. The new editor-in-chief for the Summer 2012 and the 2012-2013 academic year is Caitlin Hunnicutt, who has worked for TEC since August 2011.

"I want to get all the writers and editors on board, and on the same page, so we get more information out to campus," said Hunnicutt, a junior communication major. "Also, I want to utilize the online edition more." Hunnicutt explained her ultimate goal would be for TEC to be the main source for students to get their news information.

"On Twitter, I follow a lot of the organizations, like The East Carolinian. Not all, but a lot of them," said Rebecca Worcester, a freshman marketing major.

Campus 31 TV is a television channel created for students to stay connected to on-campus activity, news and sports. Kyle Walker is currently listed as the media head for this past academic year. According to Cara Friez, the advisor for Campus

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Employers ask for Facebook passwords

Cameron Gupton

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Facebook profiles have been a concern of employers and potential employers for several years, but now, some are asking job applicants to hand over their passwords.

Initially, employers would ask to view or simply look up employees and applicants' Facebook profiles, but many have begun demanding passwords in order to view private or restricted accounts.

"It's an invasion of privacy for private employers to insist on looking at people's private Facebook pages as a condition of employment or consideration in an application process," said Catherine Crump,

American Civil Liberties Union attorney, on the organization's website. "People are entitled to their private lives."

Several events have sparked a nationwide controversy as to whether employers should be allowed to view Facebook profiles in such a manner.

One such incident occurred in Maryland, where the State Department of Corrections asked job applicants to log into their accounts and let the interviewer browse their status updates, wall posts and photos.

"I don't think employers should

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Students complete leadership academy



RYAN HARPER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The completion of the first session of the Chancellor's Student Leadership Academy was celebrated Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Croatan.

The program is offered by Student Affairs for personal and professional leadership development for current sophomores and juniors, and began

in January, according to its website. Chancellor Steve Ballard spoke and presented awards to students, along with the help of Provost Marilyn Sheerer and Vice Chancellor Virginia Hardy.

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Career Center offers services to find jobs

Melanie Jock
STAFF WRITER

A recent survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers says employers plan to hire 9.5 percent more new graduates in 2011-2012 than they did in 2010-2011.

The L.A. Times attributes the rise in the job market to seniors having a better shot at employment than previous years and job fairs on campus recruiting students. In addition, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics also indicates that the unemployment rate among college graduates has been steadily decreasing.

The Career Center on campus holds two major job fairs each year to help students network and land jobs. Karen Thompson, director of the Career Center, said the career fairs have always been successful.

"East Carolina University has a very longstanding tradition of wonderful career fairs," said Thompson. "I've worked in this state for a number of years and I know what other schools are doing. We probably have one of the top three largest career fairs every year of any school in the state."

The most recent fair was the Spring Career Fair held on Feb. 21, which saw a large turnout.

"We had about 1,300 students that went. And we had 167 organizations at the fair," said Thompson. "Overwhelmingly, from what we've heard from the

anecdotal information from the student, was that they were really pleased with it. The employer surveys have found that they are absolutely wonderful."

The Career Center also works with other majors, such as elementary education, to put on fairs for prospective jobs. Elementary education majors, sophomore Amanda Thigpen and freshman Mary Ann Ray, both plan to utilize the education career fair.

"I plan to go to the fair and use the Career Center to find a job when the time comes," said Ray.

Other students, like sophomore fashion merchandise major Amanda Dannelley, said they have visited the Career Center for class and have found it is a useful tool for finding a job.

"I've heard how it helps students prepare for graduation," said Dannelley. "I plan to go to career fairs in the future."

Thompson also said that some employers think that the only way they can connect with students is through career fairs. She said that a lot of employers are using career fairs more than they have in years past, because they are getting more value out of sending recruiters to fairs at universities.

Other recruiters try to reach out to students by coming to universities for on-campus recruiting. Companies have job opportunities and are seeking students to hire for those positions.

"We offer a number of employers that will come on campus and set up

dates to actually interview students, but we have a hard time filling those schedules," said Thompson. "Our students don't want to sign up for a real job interview."

The Career Center also provides an online job and internship database known as PirateJobs, which allows students to view job and internship openings around the country. Thompson said the postings on the site are from employers looking for students from the university to fill the positions.

"Last week when I checked, we had 550 opportunities posted," said Thompson. "For some reason, students aren't using it."

But she said PirateJobs is a great place for students to start looking for jobs.

"Those companies have intentionally gone into our system and said 'I want to post my job opportunity, so East Carolina students can see it,'" said Thompson.

In order to get the best job opportunity upon graduation, Thompson encourages students to start the job hunt early.

"We try to meet the students' needs wherever they are," she said. "Certainly, if a student waits until their senior year to really begin and start thinking about 'okay, now I've got to get a job,' it really puts the student at a disadvantage."

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lead to sunburn.

Susceptibility of skin cancer is dependent on sensitivity of skin and how much ultraviolet radiation is received. Caucasians have about a one in 50 chance of contracting skin cancer, while African Americans only have about a one in 1,100 chance due to the concentration of melanin, also called pigment, in the skin.

"Tan in a bottle or spray tan is the only safe way to add color," said Phillips, who urges students to stay away from tanning oils and use a sunscreen between SPF 15-50, reapplying every few hours. Tanning oils tend to reduce surface reflection, allowing more penetration from the sun.

"During the summer, I lay out about three to our times a week and use SPF 5 sunscreen," said Hailey Sumner, a junior public relations major.

Indoor tanning is a more recent trend and tanning salons can produce both UV-A and UV-B rays, making them just as dangerous as being in direct sunlight. According to a study reported by the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, 40 percent of young adults will use a tanning bed at least once in their lifetime.

"I used to use tanning beds, but now I'm starting to realize how bad they can be for you," said Sumner.

According to Phillips, the ABCD's of skin cancer are an important tool in self-check-

ing for irregular moles and pigmented spots. A stands for asymmetry, as moles should be symmetrical. B stands for border, which should be round and smooth. C is for color, dark eye-catching moles are concerning. D is for diameter, which should be less than five millimeters. Students should go to the dermatologist about once a year and be educated about skin irregularities to look for.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than two million cases of skin cancer are reported yearly. Basal cell and squamous cell treatment may involve surgery to remove the area. Melanoma, the most serious form of cancer, may require cutting a wider and deeper


margin of skin, and possible chemotherapy or radiation treatments.

"I have had to get three cancerous moles removed, and now have to go to the dermatologist every six months," said Samantha Jones*, a sophomore merchandising major. "After going through all of this, I now always make sure to use sunscreen and will probably never use a tanning bed again."

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31 TV, the new media head has not yet been determined for the 2012-2013 academic year and will not be determined until next month.

Expressions is a campus magazine created to address concerns and issues among minority groups. The mission of Expressions is to present opinions of any group that feels outside the "norm" campus life, in order to help create social change and increase understanding of minority groups. The current general manager for Expressions magazine is Samantha Hughes, a senior anthropology major. Hughes will not be returning and there has

not been a new general manager selected yet, according to Hughes.

Rebel Magazine is a literary arts publication established in 1958. The 54th edition of Rebel Magazine is currently in production. The newest edition will be released at Barefoot on the Mall on April 19. The new editor-in-chief for the 2012-2013 academic year, beginning in June 2012, and for the 55th edition of the magazine will be Kayleigh Schnackel, a junior graphic design major.

"My main goal is to really help Rebel become more recognized," said Schnackel. "It's a celebration of stu-

dents works and deserves more recognition throughout ECU, not just in the art department." Schnackel also explained there will be an increase in social media use from Rebel in order to try to reach more people.

WZMB is the campus radio station. WZMB broadcasts non-commercial radio from campus and offers students the opportunity to produce for radio content. Currently, LaTrish Mack is the media head listed for WZMB. It is uncertain whether Mack will return or not.

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ask for passwords," said junior Jennifer Kincaid.

However, Kincaid did say that applicants should be aware of what is published on their profiles.

"The person shouldn't have bad things out there for people (employers) to see," said Kincaid.

According to an ABC News report, even colleges have requested passwords, so they too can view profiles.

John Toller, associate vice chancellor and chief human resource officer of Human Resource Administration, said that ECU does not ask job applicants for Facebook passwords.

"We consider those aspects of an individual's background to be personal," said Toller regarding Facebook profiles. "We do conduct official background checks on all individuals who will be hired."

Toller said these checks are conducted by an outside service provider and focus on job history and criminal activity, among other aspects.

"I feel like that's none of their business," said Lauren Batty, a sophomore health service management major. "That's your life outside of work."

Batty said she does feel that background checks should be conducted on applicants before they are hired.

Though ECU does not require the viewing of Facebook profiles for hiring purposes, many employers and institutions do, thus raising the question of legality.

According to Facebook's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities, "You will not share your password (or in the case of developers, your secret key), let anyone else access your account, or

do anything else that might jeopardize the security of your account."

Just last Sunday, two senators, Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), announced that they are asking Attorney General Eric Holder to investigate whether such practices violate federal law.

Facebook has announced that it will pursue legal action against any employers who ask job applicants for their passwords to the site because it violates Facebook's user agreement.

"We'll take action to protect the privacy and security of our users, whether by engaging policymakers or, where appropriate, by initiating legal action," stated Facebook's chief privacy officer.

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portfolios online and promote these portfolios with social media."

In the College of Business, as part of a leadership program, students work on a portfolio of content to illustrate their skills, knowledge and abilities throughout their four years in the program. During their senior year, students can choose their best work, refine it and feature the content on their own webpage or blog, link it with their LinkedIn profiles and ensure people know about their portfolio online using Twitter and LinkedIn. Some students have even produced video resumes and published them to YouTube.

Emily Baumgartner, a senior business major, has gone above and beyond the requirements of the program, according to Tuten.

"Emily isn't just socially savvy, she's in the top 1 percent of students using social media to market herself," said Tuten.

Baumgartner set up an "about.me" page and linked it with all of her other social sites. About.me is a free website that allows users to create a custom profile online.

"You can put anything you want and it kind of gets you a little look into their personality," Baumgartner said about the website.

The site is an aggregator, which means it connects with all of the other social networking sites that one chooses to link with. Using an aggregator can increase the number of visits to a website and move the site up in Google search rankings.

"If you searched my name in Google, it would make at least three of the top five searches specifically about me and not someone else," Baumgartner said. "It really helps me build my brand image of who I am so people aren't getting confused with a different Emily Baumgartner."

Tuten said marketing yourself through social media is not just for business majors, but can benefit all job-seekers.

Rachel Webb, a physical therapy doctoral student, used her online resume while applying to grad school.

"I would give my business card with my application that said viewable resume online," Webb said. "It is just a way that if they want to spend more time looking at

the things I do, they can get a bigger picture of things I do outside of academics and jobs."

Webb designed her website through a free program called Wix.com, which is similar to about.me. Other similar free sites include Yola.com, Webstarts.com, Homestead.com and Webs.com.

Tuten warned that students clean up their social media sites and make sure they are presenting themselves in a professional way before taking advantage of marketing through social media.

"Be sure that there isn't content on social sites that could keep them from being considered for a position," Tuten said.

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Things all ECU students should do before they graduate: 1) Go to a football game. 2) Experience a drunken night downtown. 3) Get a Pirate Rant published in TEC.

Did I really just hear a girl say she couldn't wait until 4/20 to get "soo baked." Welcome to my life ... EVERY SINGLE DAY.

If only you knew your nickname...

F*** the politics. I read the rants to laugh, not become a more well-rounded citizen.

Oh the things my dog has seen me do when I'm alone.

Although you claim you didn't cheat on your boyfriend over spring break, don't worry, we have proof and we're not afraid to show it to him.

Yeah, that rant about not being racist because you have a black dog is racist.

Yes it is true. I, Michael Scott, am signing up with an online dating service. Thousands of people have done it, and I am going to do it. I need a user name, and, I have a great one. "Little Kid Lover." That way people will know exactly where my priorities are.

Stay strong, Spencer Hampton. You have the Pirate Nation behind you. Arrrrgh!

I swear I'm not hogging this table in Wright. My friends are coming, I promise.

To the Wild Snorlax that keeps tanning in a bathing suit in the Scott Court Yard: Please do the world a favor and put on some sweatpants.

During my four years here, I don't know if I spent more on tuition or downtown ...

Jersey is the armpit of the U.S. D.C. is the butthole.

This election season, I'm voting Regina George ... because she got hit by that bus.

Three different men opened three different doors for me today. Hence, I called them men, not boys. Chivalry isn't completely dead.

Sighted: TEC's hey-kids-free-candy, '70s-style van. Maybe an update is necessary?

Disappointment — walking into a wall with a boner and hitting your face first.

Dear Teacher, I just wanted to remind you that your class is not the only one I have ... just like you remind me that I am not your only student. I will get you your work when I can. Sincerely, Student.

Boys: if you wear a visor, one-shouldered backpack, or shorts shorter than mine ... I make fun of you.

What is the ratio of Stanley nickels to Schrute bucks?

If only guys knew how much girls talk about pooping...

When I flag you down to get on the bus, don't pretend like you don't see me Mr. Bus Driver because next time, I'll jump out in front of your bus.

Stop trying to turn everything into an issue of race. All that does is cause more racism.

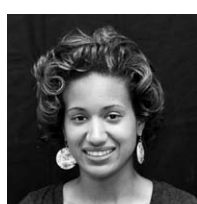
Unisex bathrooms? Idk, sounds creepy to me.

To the person submitting all of The Office quotes ... thank you for making my day every Tuesday and Thursday!



I'm not racist but...

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"Racism's still alive; they just be concealin' it," the great Kanye West said in his hit, *Never Let Me Down*. Unfortunately, it seems today that the concealer ye' thought they were using is becoming more transparent.

Everything has a racist undertone nowadays. Whether it's the "Don't re-nig in 2012" anti-Obama bumper stickers or Abercrombie & Fitch's "N*gger Brown Pants" (which don't even resemble our complexion, unless we were exceptionally ashy), racism is evident. These examples are primary illustrations that our country still sees in black and white.

However, this reality is hindering people more so than ever. Yes, the world is full of single-minded people who don't desire to see past complexion, but quit letting that become the end-all, be-all. Stop being single-minded yourself; the world is not out to get you and only you. The world hates everybody equally.

I cannot stand that in 2012, we still run to the "It's because I'm black" cliché. No, it's because we continue to fall into the "black stereotype," influencing other races to see us as ignorant, and only good for entertainment and reproduction — but that's another subject.

My personal issue is this phenomenon I like to refer to as "selective racism," or picking when something is and is not racist. Last week, my Twitter timeline was outraged that the ECU Squirrels tweeted about the "screaming black girls" on the yard.

To be honest, when I first read that, my heart stopped beating. It was like "WTF,

really?" But then, after I took off my pro-black hat and read it, I was like, "eh, OK." That was someone's opinion ... on their Twitter account. Just like with any other account, if you feel offended, there is an unfollow button. What if a black person had tweeted that? Would it make the situation any better? Would it have gone unnoticed?

I have seen plenty of tweets like "Why this white girl got on shorts?! It's too cold outside. She crazy," or "getting #WhiteBoyWasted." Is this not racist? Katt Williams and Kevin Hart go on and on about crazy things we as black people do, and we proceed to laugh. Not only is it true, but also, it's only OK if we say it.

Apparently, it's OK if we do it, too. Black people have plenty of jokes that rag on people of different races. Sherman Hemsley's George Jefferson made the word "honkey" popular on "The Jeffersons" and that was OK. However, his former neighbor, Archie Bunker on "All of the Family," was frowned upon for saying, "I'm not racist! I'll be the first to say it, it's not their fault they're colored!" Just some food for thought.

On St. Patrick's Day, everyone binge drinks in honor of the Irish saint and because drinking is symbolic of the Irish culture. What if during Black History Month, for 28/29 days, people acted out stereotypical black customs: sagging, du-rags, abusing proper sentence structure. That'd be racist as hell, right?

I hate to say this, but I feel like black people choose to pull the race card only when it could be beneficial to them. One instance I saw play out before my very eyes. Nobody, and I mean nobody, had picked Norfolk State over Missouri. Black people included. What happened, though? Black people, if you were so in-tune with your blackness, you would have sided with the Historically Black College despite statistics.

We are a race who has to rise up against the odds, right? But that wasn't the case, and it made me realize that we only want to display black unity at "appropriate times".

Racism goes on all over the country involving other races, but when it's about blacks, the situation is blown all the way up. The Southern Miss pep band chant of "Where's Your Green Card" to the Puerto Rican Kansas State player received media attention. But if they had shouted "Go back to Africa," it would have been a whole 'nother ball game.

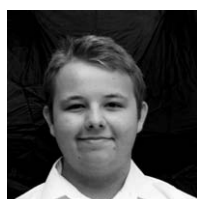
Granted, I am aware that black people historically have had a harder time on this land. No one was treated worse, with the exception of Native Americans. Life is hard, but I do believe that we shall overcome.

My heart does go out to Trayvon Martin and his family. As most of us know, a self-appointed neighborhood watchman, who was not arrested, took the young man's life. This is not a case of racism; it's a case developed off of ignorance and how sorry the American justice system is. If there was no justice for Caylee Anthony, how dare you think there will be a chance for fairness in his case?

Racism in any form should not be OK. Sadly, we as blacks, and people in general, have the perception that it is alright sometimes, whether it be said by a comedian of the same race or amongst a small group of friends. If it's not going to be OK in one situation, then it should not be acceptable at anytime. We all know that's not going to happen anytime soon, and so my advice is to just grow tougher skin and keep it movin'.

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Too easy not to vote



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Inequality has existed in the American culture since before the birth of this nation. Unfortunately, inequality is so prominent that the inhabitants of this country can barely recognize it, and there is a particularly large amount of inequality funneling from our government.

From race to same-sex marriage, the government does not concern itself with attempting to bury any social injustices they force on their citizens. For these reasons, one cannot be truly surprised to hear that the North Carolina legislators have jumped on the bandwagon to create inequality among even more citizens.

These individuals have cooked up another delicious meal of stupidity. A bill in North Carolina

was proposed to require all individuals voting in the state to present a valid N.C. license or photo ID. This is simple when looked at through the eyes of an individual who possesses such things, but to many, this will cause an extreme inequality in the polls. According to the Advancement Project, nearly 500,000 registered voters in North Carolina wouldn't have had either of the requirements to vote if this bill had passed. Luckily Gov. Bev Perdue vetoed the bill, allowing individuals to maintain their right to vote.

The right to vote in this country is inalienable. If you are a citizen, then it is preposterous to have a fear that, without certain documents, your vote will not be counted.

Another coincidence that is over looked by many of the legislators in favor of the bill is that, as reported by the Advancement Project, African-Americans make up 22 percent of the registered voters in North Carolina. African-Americans also make up 32 percent of the individuals who do

not currently possess a photo ID or driver's license.

While this can be attributed to fighting voter fraud, the vices of this bill are greater than its virtues. No legal citizen's vote should be inhibited by the fear of a vote from an illegal citizen. This fear is being used to validate the exclusion of hundreds of thousands of people from contributing their vote. Regardless of the excuses used to cover this bill, this is an obvious attempt to skew the direction of the votes to favor of one political group and exclude the other.

Dorothy Thompson once said, "Can one preach at home inequality of races and nations and advocate abroad good-will towards all men?" While this may or may not be an issue of race or nations, it is an issue of inequality.

Inequality is something that the government of this country fights against in nations around the world. The soldiers of the United States fight enemies every day, not only to free the oppressed in other countries, but also to maintain the freedom we exercise

daily. How can we allow men of this country to die on foreign soil defending our freedom, and then propose a bill, such as this one, that destroys the very essence of the freedom they died for? The simple answer is that this cannot be allowed and we must voice out opinions to ensure that this stupidity is recognized for what it is, and destroyed.

As ECU students, we often take advantage of not only the rights we are given, but also the simplicity when exercising such rights. Voting is no great feat on the ECU campus. Log onto OneStop and click your choices. With the upcoming SGA elections, I encourage everyone to take advantage of your right to vote and let your voice be heard because not everyone gets that privilege. Perhaps, if our right to vote as students were threatened, people would take a step back and realize its true value and importance.

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Senior
Nursing and Psychology
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Christopher Womack
Sophomore
Political Science
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President

Jeffrey Cofie
Junior
Biology
Vice President



Caleb Hopkins
Junior
Biology
Treasurer

Michaela Ashworth
Junior
History Education
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Elizabeth Barrett

Freshman

Exercise Physiology

What can you bring to SGA?

Bettering East Carolina University is a passion of mine, as well as uplifting my fellow student body.



Jorge Almonte-Florimon

Freshman

Nursing

Sophomore

What can you bring to SGA?

I can bring a voice from the class of 2015 that will stand out and make sure everyone is represented fairly.



Junior Class Officer:

Timothy Schwan

Sophomore

Finance

What can you bring to SGA?

An outgoing and hardworking personality with excellent leadership experience and I am currently holding the positions of Vice President of Alumni relations of Phi Kappa Tau as well as Scholarship Chair for the Inter-Fraternal Council.



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Graehme Hejl

Junior

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Cheap Cuban cooking



Allison Meyers
COLUMNIST

It's almost April, and I know the deal. Your Pirate

Bucks are dwindling, your extra loan money from the beginning of the semester is running out and you haven't started your summer job yet.

Well, guess what: you and everyone around you is broke. But you still have to eat, and you need something satisfying and delicious. My go-to meal when I barely have two quarters to rub together is Cuban Black Beans and Rice with Fried Plantains. It's a little different, but very easy to put together.

How about you and all your broke friends get together one night and one person brings a bag of rice, one person brings the veggies and one person brings the oil and spices. Ta-da, everyone pays a couple dollars for a filling, fun meal (Corona and tequila shots not required ... but that could be good, right?). Or make a big batch for yourself and eat it throughout the week.

Make it even more affordable by shopping at a Mexican grocery — they have everything you need at less-than-Food-Lion prices. And yes, there are Mexican groceries in Greenville. You can find small bags of the necessary spices in the ethnic foods aisle or just grab full-size versions — you'll want to make this again. But don't skimp with the spices because plain, unseasoned black beans kind of taste like dirt.

Cuban Black Beans and Rice with Fried Plantains
Serves four

White rice
1 onion
1 green pepper
2 cloves garlic (or more to taste)
1 large can (15 oz or more) black beans
Salt and pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon cumin
1 or 2 bay leaves
3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
3 mostly black soft plantains (Plantains look like large bananas, and you'll find them in the produce aisle)
Light cooking oil (vegetable, canola or peanut)

1. Prepare four servings of white rice according to the package directions, adding some butter and salt for flavor.
2. Heat a small amount of oil or butter on medium in the bottom of a large sauté pan. Take out the seeds, stem and white membrane of a green pepper and chop into 1/4 to 1/2-inch pieces.
3. Peel and chop an onion about the same size. Add these veggies to the pan and sauté (this just means you let them dance around in the oil for a while until they soften and get slightly, slightly brown). Finely chop or mash the garlic, then add to the pan. Sauté one minute more.
4. Add the can of beans (with liquid) to the large veggies and about half the same can filled with water and/or dry wine (if you have it). Now add the spices and seasonings, using salt and pepper to your taste.
5. Turn to medium-low and allow to simmer, adding water if it gets too thick.
6. Fill a frying pan with 1/2 to 3/4-inch cooking oil and heat to medium. Meanwhile, peel the plantains and slice them into 3/4-inch pieces on the diagonal. You may have to use a knife to slice into the plantain, since the skins are a little tougher than bananas. Line a dinner plate with paper towels and set next to the stove.
7. Carefully slip your plantain slices into the oil. Fill the pan but don't overfill — your plantain slices should have plenty of room to mingle. You'll have to do a couple batches. Use a fork or a pair of tongs to flip the plantains over when they release from the bottom of the pan. If you got really black plantains, they will be very sweet and soft, and therefore, have a lot of sugar. Frying them like this turns them very brown, almost black. This

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ECU mascot now a squirrel

Just kidding ... April Fools

Leila Falls
STAFF WRITER

As with most holidays that don't let students miss school, the roots of April Fool's Day are unknown. In 1582, France changed its calendar, choosing to start the New Year on January 1 instead of its original date of April 1. Since many people didn't get the memo or refused to acknowledge the change, those who did follow the new calendar played pranks on the old-calendar fools. According to History.com, many practical jokes were played, which "included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as 'poisson d'avril' (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person."

The hoodwinking fun traveled all over the world, but each country crafted its own version. According to History.com, in 18th century Scotland, people celebrated the foolery over two days: the "Hunting the Gowk" (cuckoo bird), where people were tricked into going on fake errands, and then "Tailie Day," which focused on "kick me signs" or tails pinned onto the prankee's rear.

Watching people become the butt of jokes was the snapshot focus of "Candid Camera," which started out as a 1947 radio prank-show before airing on television. There were prank-filled episodes with the well-known catchphrase, "Smile, you're on candid camera."

As entertaining as it is to watch a "Punk'd" episode or a YouTubed prank, taking laughter in one's own hands can be satisfying whether it be as simple as drawing mustaches on a sleeping friend, complicating IHOP's "vibe" by staging a fake breakup, or doing a harmless classic like the "never-ending thread" trick, which involves having a spool of thread in your pocket as the targeted-prankee tries to remove the loose string that seems to never end.

"I think the best pranks are ones that are tailor-made for who you're pranking," said Jimmy Galloway, a media production major who's a part of Swash Improv, a comedy group



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Students partake in an old tradition of pulling pranks on their friends and family.



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Pranks range from plastic-wrapped toilets to newspaper-covered computer screens.

on campus. "Anybody can put butter on the floor or Saran-Wrap over the toilet, but you really have to know somebody to prank them on something they really care about."

Galloway pranked his non-computer-savvy dad by using a screenshot image of his dad's desktop and setting it as the background image after hiding the icons in a random folder. "He spent about half an hour clicking the picture of icons and turning the computer off and on, before I finally told him," said Galloway, who admits he's done the slapstick of hiding people's shoes in the freezer or dishwasher.

Sometimes ice can't freeze the fiery anger from prank victims, as juniors Evan Cole and Fabian Guzman learned. "We got our RA during freshman year by pouring an ice cold bucket of water over the shower he was in," said Cole.

Parents seem to be a favorite target for foolery, giving their kids a chance to lie to them and then blame a holiday.

"I pretended to be pregnant once, but then I stopped after my parents got really upset," said Valerie Mele, a senior English major, who avoids certain websites that partake in the holiday. One she recalled was last year, when the comedy website Funny or Die converted every video to ones that included Justin Bieber.

It's not just individuals who enjoy the April foolery; many companies know how to joke. According to History.com, the BBC broadcasted video footage of a Swiss spaghetti crop that grew on trees. Sports Illustrated published an article about a fake pitcher, Sidd Finch, who was a rookie with a 168 mph pitch; Taco Bell led people to believe that they were going to buy the Liberty Bell and make it the Taco Liberty Bell; and Burger King pitched a "Left-Handed Whopper" as the new menu item — all of which were just a few national "gotcha" pranks.

So, come Sunday, be on the lookout for all things strange, either from friends, parents or even national advertisers.

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Ticket 2 talks

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Growing up in the Washington, D.C. area, John Patrick Reilly, simply known as J.P., saw the power and influence of politics from a young age. Sparking his interest at a young age, Reilly knew a life of politics was easily a possible outcome for him.

As a swimmer and rower at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Va., Reilly learned the value of hard work and dedication, excelling as a student athlete. And after his high school graduation in 2007, Reilly traveled down south with his proactive attitude to not only enjoy college, but to also get involved and make a difference.

Joining Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity as a freshmen, Reilly served as president for two years, eventually moving up in the ranks to become the Inter-Fraternity Council president. He also served as the Greek Life liaison when Tremayne Smith was SGA president. Since he has a couple years of leadership experience, Reilly plans to "bring an organizational line of thinking back to SGA," he said. "Because at the end of the day, all campus organizations are spawned from student interest, student values, and student missions.

Reilly goes onto say, "I like working with different sides, working on middle grounds, coming up with proactive, pragmatic solutions to problems," said Reilly.

During his time as chapter president for TKE, Reilly learned how to manage, lead, and efficiently and

effectively get things done. "You basically have problems constantly that go between your interpersonal relationships ... versus the direction of the chapter," said Reilly. "As president, you sit smack in the middle of that; making decisions with limited resources and limited time.

But despite being a part of SGA and other campus organizations, Reilly has always had his eyes set on a much greater, more impactful job. "It was always my dream to run for SGA president and just never really worked out till this semester," said Reilly. "We laid out a platform we really liked, got a team together that was second to none that represented organizational interests, and we decided to go with it."

Juggling school, a campaign, and managing his duties as IFC president, Reilly said he doesn't ever have much free time, which is perfectly okay with him. "I like to keep busy; I like to be in the middle of things, the thick of things," he said. "I like being under pressure; I love a challenge and when people tell me I can't do something."

And with all of the experience Reilly has had the past three years in Greenville, he plans to translate that knowledge and know-how into his every day life. With a plan to stay in Pirate Nation to finish the business program, Reilly eventually aims to go to law school and become a corporate lawyer.



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SGA presidential candidate J.P. Reilly uses his experience to motivate others.

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Releasing the inner child

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STAFF WRITER

From trying out different musical instruments to learning about the art of weaving, the eight annual Youth Arts Festival, which will be held Saturday on the Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., hopes to introduce the youth of Greenville and Eastern North Carolina to the array of art forms in existence.

Led by the School of Art and Design, the festival will be bringing more than 100 visual artists and 150 volunteers to campus. The artists will be showcasing their particular form of art, as well as providing a chance for children to try out hands-on activities. The volunteers will work with the artists and help the kids with various art activities they provide.

While it is titled "Youth" Arts Festival, this event is for people of all ages.

"We have kids from strollers and backpacks, to college kids from their dormitories," said Dindy Reich, an art professor and coordinator of the festival.

There also will be entertainment, such as the ECU Dance Team and different theatre groups, for those people who can't bring themselves to release their inner child for the day.

"It is a day of activities for kids that doesn't cost anything and it exposes them to all forms of art," said Reich.

Free fun is always a positive, but the main idea behind the festival is to educate children about the different avenues of creativity and help to foster their overall development.

"There is a big correlation in visual arts and problem solving," said Reich. "The arts are important for the development of children's minds and learning in general."

Reich and other people who work closely with organizing the festival do not only invite children to learn about the different forms of art from the artists at the festival, but they give them an opportunity to create the actual poster that will be used to advertise the festival.

Twenty thousand template posters were sent out and the best ones were reviewed and selected to be used to represent this year's festival.

"I think what we are trying to do is to expose the kids to a lot of positive activities in which they can choose to participate in during their free time, and show them how to be involved in the arts," said Reich. "We are trying to promote the arts because we feel it is essential."

Another person who feels that the arts are essential for children is Steve Moyt, a former member of the theatre department who now lives in Wilmington and works in the film industry.

Moyt, who has been involved with the festival for five out of the eight years, does many things at the festival like walking on stilts, storytelling and performing on stage. His most popular art form, though, has been making masks out of paper mache.

"I have samples of the process so they can see how the masks are made," said Moyt.

The process he uses goes far beyond the common paper mache and balloon art project. Moyt uses wet-sculpted clay covered by plastic wrap as the form that the paper mache will be laid on. He said that this allows the artwork to be from a "personal mold."

His masks show animals such as deer, turtles and gorillas, as well as people, such as a grandmother and her grandson.

Having worked in every level of education from elementary school to college, Moyt says that his love of art and young people are a perfect combination for the festival.

"One of the things I love is the child within all of us," said Moyt.

He continued saying that the festival brings out the child in college men who get a hold of one of his masks or the boyfriend and girlfriend that come together.

"I think being involved in the arts is very important," said Moyt. "The arts provide somewhat of a relief and I think that we all need that."

If you are looking for a hiatus from studying or something for the kids, the Youth Arts Festival will provide entertainment, an opportunity for expression, and most of all, enjoyment.

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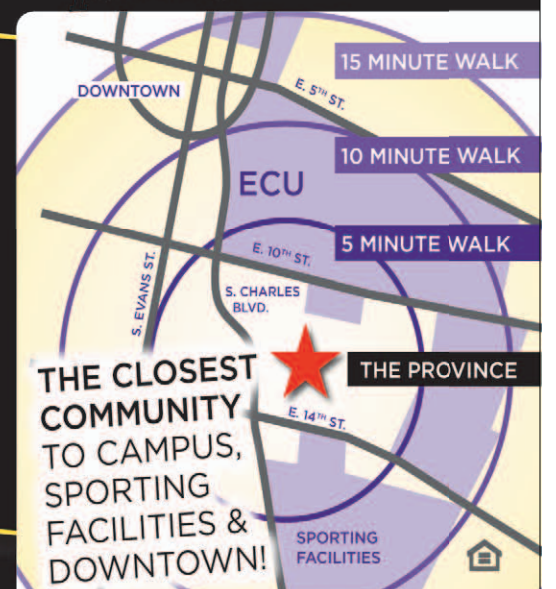
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Go by a Mexican grocery store and buy a few fresh ingredients.



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Grab some friends and celebrate being broke with a Cuban fiesta.

is good. Brown = flavor. If your plantains are a little greener and hard, they will not brown as much. They're probably not burning unless you smell burned food. When they have released on the other side, remove them from the pan and set them on the paper towel to drain. Immediately salt them before they dry. Your beans should be ready by the time you're done frying the plantains. The beans should be like a thick stew, but not too thick. Taste the cooking liquid. 8. Add salt, pepper, cumin or vinegar to taste (I generally give at least another good glug of vinegar at this point, but I love vinegar, so you do what you prefer). To serve, dish out a scoop of rice and spoon out the beans over it. Then add a handful of plantains to the side. If it's a fancy affair, chop up some cilantro and sprinkle it artfully over the plate. Viva Cuba! Viva comida barata (cheap food, that is)!

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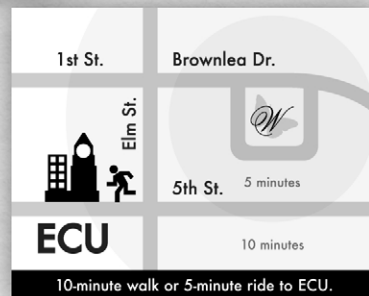
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Pirates earn academic honors

Staff Reports

Almost 200 ECU student athletes have earned recognition on the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll during the 2011-12 academic year, Commissioner Britton Banowsky announced today. The Pirates had 195 student athletes to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and be named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Three Pirate teams placed over 80 percent of their student athletes on the list, with an additional three teams having over 70 percent of their roster represented.

The women's golf team and women's swimming and diving squad each had 85.7 percent of its student athletes achieve Honor Roll status. Six of the seven members of the women's golf team were recognized, as were 30 of the 35 student athletes on the women's swimming and diving team. Eleven of 13 members on the women's basketball squad (.846) maintained a 3.0 GPA. The women's cross country team had 13 of its 17 student athletes (.767) named to the Honor Roll, while the men's golf and volleyball teams each placed eight of its 11 members (.727) on the list.

Rice placed the highest number of student athletes on the honor roll, producing 232 members. UCF ranked second with 221, while Memphis followed closely with 218 student athletes on the list. The total number honored is an increase of more than six percent from a year ago.

Student athletes with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better will also receive the Commissioner's Academic Honor Medal.

Softball sweeps UNC-Wilmington

Staff Reports

ECU softball topped UNC-Wilmington twice on Wednesday using a combined 17 runs in a midweek doubleheader by scores of 10-2 and 7-1.

Jill Jelnick led the Pirates at the plate with a career-high three runs scored in each contest against the Seahawks.

In the first game, freshman pitcher Courtney Smith (3-7) picked up the win, pitching a complete game, allowing just five hits and three walks. She also set a personal best, fanning four UNCW batters.

In the second half of the double header, Sarah Christian (12-10) tossed four innings with just three hits for the win. With the victory in the circle, Christian became the ninth freshman pitcher to win 12 or more games with ECU. She is now currently tied for most wins in Conference USA.

The one and two hitters in the lineup Jelnick and Kristi Oshiro combined for five runs and drew two walks during the doubleheader. In the last five tilts, the pair has teamed up to score 14 runs and have forced 12 walks.

The Pirates will head to Orlando, Fla., this weekend to face the UCF Knights for a three game series.

PACK GETS REVENGE

Baseball takes fourth road loss in five games

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RALEIGH – For the second time in eight days, ECU baseball coach Billy Godwin watched his team spot N.C. State an early 3-0 lead on Wednesday.

Unfortunately for the Pirates, they left Raleigh with a much more disappointing result.

ECU clawed their way back to tie Wednesday's game at 3-3, but N.C. State got a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the 11th to avenge their loss last week in Greenville and send the Pirates home with a narrow 4-3 defeat.

"It was a great college game," Godwin said. "This was a great environment with two good clubs playing each other, and we happened to come out on the short end this time."

The tight contest was nothing new for the Pirates and the Wolfpack, who have now seen 11 of their last 13 meetings decided by a single run.

Wednesday night was the second extra-inning game ECU has played this season — with the other being a 6-5 win over Penn State on Mar. 17. Its game against State may very well have produced a win just as that one did, had it not been for a mental lapse that cost the Pirates the potential go-



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> PACK page A14 Phillip Clark (18) gets caught in a pickle during the Pirates' first meeting with the Wolfpack last Tuesday.

Early enrollee adjusts to new life

Chase Kroll
STAFF WRITER

Collegiate defensive backs must have the ability to adjust. No matter where they are, whom they are up against or what is happening on the field, they have to react and react quickly.

Offenses are designed to confuse defenders, to single them out and make it seem like everything around them is moving a mile a minute. True defensive backs are judged by their ability to shut down opposing wide receivers, but they are distinguished by being able to find comfort amidst the chaos.

Freshman defensive back Adonis Armstrong has had to do his fair share of adjusting recently.

On Dec. 15, the first day of winter break for ECU students, Armstrong was celebrating his early graduation from Mississippi's Hinds Community College. By Jan. 9, he was starting his first classes as a Pirate.

"I felt like I was at home," said Armstrong, talking about his first day in Greenville. "It is a good college town and I love the atmosphere."

Fast-forward two months and the ECU football program has officially opened its first few spring practices. On top of getting acclimated to his new environment, Armstrong has been responsible for putting his nose into his playbook and busting his butt out on the practice field.

"The spring is a vital time to

come in and learn the scheme on defense," said Armstrong. "I think it will just get me ahead for the fall camp."

In order to accommodate his strict football schedule, Armstrong's class schedule runs from 8 a.m. to noon every day. From there, he heads to the practice facility to watch film and lift with strength coach Jeff Connors.

Then, spring practice runs from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., at which point the players all head straight to study hall. Armstrong mentioned that there are days when he is at the practice facilities until 9:30 p.m. or later, but he seems to be enjoying himself regardless.

"I just like competing with the team," he said. "Now is the time to

show (the teammates) what I got."

A defensive captain last year for the Hinds Community College Eagles, Armstrong intercepted eight passes before being named Second Team All-State by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges. He is expected to do much of the same here for the Pirates, as ECU graduated three of their starting defensive backs from last year. Armstrong is ready for the change in competition.

"In Junior College, you have mediocre to good players. Here, everybody is good," said Armstrong. "You have to be on your A-game every day."

For Armstrong, that means

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First semester freshman Adonis Armstrong (3) swings around the offensive line during spring practice drills at Cliff Moore Practice Facility on Monday.

Pirate fans left seeing red



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While the season is still young, if that's the bar Pirate fans want to look at to determine early success, then they must be feeling a bit unsure with the beginning of the 2012 baseball season.

With Wednesday night's 4-3 extra-inning loss to the N.C. State Wolfpack, the Pirates are now 1-1 against their in-state rivals with two games left to play against N.C. State later in the year.

But what exactly do matchups with in-state rivals tell about a particular season?

More often than not, those meetings don't determine the future success or failure of a season. Instead, they are games that energize fan bases and fuel debates about who is the stronger program or which team will get the better of the other on

that given day. More often, these games become just another win or loss that gives one team bragging rights, but not much else.

In 2009, ECU recorded a 4-0 win over N.C. State that electrified the fanbase and had people around the state talking about the Pirates as a possible sleeper in the College World Series. That game was a prime example of an in-state game being blown up into an indictment on the entire season. As it would turn out, those two teams would play in the Super Regionals later in the season, with the Tar Heels sweeping that series.

Despite the excitement these games generate, they are little more than just another game on the schedule to the two teams playing. It's the fans that generate the hate and hostility. Wander around the fan websites "Boneyard Banter" or "PackPride" and you will find numerous threads on how they wish injury to so-and-so just because of the team they play for without having any idea who they are as a person.

But if you talk to the players, you don't see any of those things.

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Senior continues career in Northern Ireland

Josh Graham
STAFF WRITER

After enjoying a very productive senior season on the Lady Pirates soccer team, Kimmy Cummings will be taking her talents to Northern Ireland to play for semi-professional Glentoran Football Club.

"I had a great experience at ECU and I'm excited to continue what I've done," said Cummings.

Just five years ago, the Pirate-turned-pro was deciding where to play collegiate soccer, despite not receiving any Division-I offers.

"I always knew I wanted to play Division I, but it really wasn't an option at that point and ECU kind of stumbled upon my game," Cummings said. Four years after joining the team as a walk-on, she finished the 2011 season as a captain and the leading scorer.

During her career with ECU, Cummings only missed one game and helped the Lady Pirates capture a Conference USA tournament title in 2008. In 2011, she scored a team-high nine goals after only netting six in her previous three seasons. Two of those tallies were game-winning

goals that were instrumental in the Pirates' 11-8-1 record.

During the summer before her senior season, Cummings was a member of another semi-professional team in Fredericksburg, Va., where the idea of continuing her soccer career was sparked. She said when one of her teammates in Fredericksburg had the opportunity to play overseas but decided not to, it got her thinking about what she would do if the same opportunity presented itself to her.

Along with being a star on the field, Cummings was also named to the ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll every semester since her freshman year in 2008. She plans to leave ECU with a business administration degree that includes a triple concentration in marketing, management and management information systems.

"Everybody rolls their eyes a little bit when they hear it because they don't think it's possible to be a Division-I athlete and have three majors," said Cummings. "I think I strive better when I'm extremely

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ahead run.

With the bases loaded and two outs in the top of the 10th, third baseman Corey Thompson took a called ball that got away from the NCSU catcher. ECU catcher Zach Wright, on third base, mistook the pitch for Thompson's third strike, and took off towards home only to be tagged out halfway.

While the mistake retired the side and stranded two more crucial potential runs on first and second, Godwin was accepting of the blunder, which he blamed more on the situation than his catcher.

"When you get a runner on third and two outs, that's a tricky proposition," Godwin said. "Right there, Zach thought that Corey swung and that's why he went. You've got to be sure (it's a strike), but

that's an aggressive mistake. It's just tough. You've got to get runners on base with less than two outs."

The Pirates responded by retiring the State side in the bottom of the 10th. But after going three up, three down in the top of the 11th, Drew Reynolds walked State's leadoff batter. Following a fielder's choice for the first out and an intentional walk to put two men on base, NCSU left fielder Tarran Senay dropped one in right-centerfield to propel the Wolfpack to the victory.

"I'm frustrated, but I'm also a realist," Godwin said. "I'm disappointed that we lost ... but you've got to tip your hat (to State). They executed right there and drill the ball in the gap. I mean, what do you do?"

ECU starting pitcher Jeff Hoffman, who went five full innings in his first career start against N.C. State last week, was fantastic in his second outing. The freshman threw 61 strikes on 97 pitches, giving up six hits and striking out two batters in six and two-thirds innings of action.

Just as he did in his first start eight days earlier, when he gave up four of his five hits in the second inning against the Pack, Hoffman struggled early Wednesday, giving up five hits and three runs in the first three innings.

But, also as he did on Mar. 17, Hoffman eventually settled down, giving up just one more hit and no more runs over the next three and two-thirds innings before being replaced by Andy Smithmyer. "(Hoffman was) out-

standing," Godwin said. "For a freshman to come in — and he showed glimpses of it last week — and pitch the way he did; that's just encouraging for us and our club."

ECU was led by John Wooten, who extended his hit streak to 11 games with a double to lead off the second inning, and eventually finished 2-5. Jay Cannon, Reynolds, Thompson and Tim Younger added the rest of the team's six hits.

The Pirates return to action at home Friday as they host the first game of a three-game series against conference rival UAB. First pitch on Friday is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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Yeah, they get up for the game because it's always important recruiting wise to be able to beat the teams in your state, but outside of wanting to win games, the players have no issues with one another.

In fact, the majority of the players who played in Wednesday night's game know each other from years of little league games and high school tournaments. Fans don't like to admit that they are the ones to generate the bad blood between the teams, instead they want to pretend that every player that wears the Purple and Gold hates the players from Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

While the Pirates are not a perfect team, they sit only 24 games into the regular season and one series into conference play.

Billy Godwin knows what he's doing. He sees the issues plaguing his Pirates

and fans can be sure that he has his coaching staff working on ways to fix the mistakes that were made Wednesday night.

The failure to score runners with two outs, as well as the inconsistent defense from both the infield and the outfield, are things that can be fixed with a little more hustle. All it takes is getting back to the fundamentals of the game. Yes, fundamentals is a scary word sometimes, but when simple fundamentals is the difference between being a good team and being a great team, it doesn't seem so bad.

The Pirates are lucky they are just halfway through the season and have plenty of time to work out the kinks in their armor before it gets to late.

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Graduating senior Kimmy Cummings (15) will continue her career playing semi-professionally in Northern Ireland.

busy."

Glentoran's season is set to begin in mid-April, but Cummings is planning on finishing the academic year and graduating in May. Last season, the team won a division title and participated in the 2012-2013 UEFA Women's Champions League tournament. If that wasn't enough pressure, seven players on Glentoran's current roster are also members of the Northern Ireland national team.

Jason Cherry, the ECU women's soccer's assistant coach, played a pivotal role in making sure Cummings became connected with Glentoran. Coaching at Western Illinois University from 2008 to 2010, Cherry remains close with the university's head women's soccer coach, Tony Guinn, who has ties with Glentoran's manager, Billy Clarke.

"(Cherry is) a huge influence on why this whole thing even happened, and without him being one of our coaches, I can probably say for certain that it wouldn't have happened," Cummings said.

If that wasn't enough,

Cummings gave back to the community and played a pivotal role in the local organization, "Riley's Army." The organization was created in honor of 10-year-old Riley Philpot, who lost her courageous fight with kidney cancer in May 2011, and works to raise cancer awareness and assist patients and families who are affected by the disease.

No. 15's illustrious career may have come to an end following a loss to Memphis in the C-USA Tournament last November, but it is still evident that her impact on ECU soccer is substantial and is optimistic for the program's future.

"I know they have the leadership and the talent to succeed," said Cummings. "The story in itself is awesome, and the fact I can look back and say that I never expected this to happen and it did, makes it even better."

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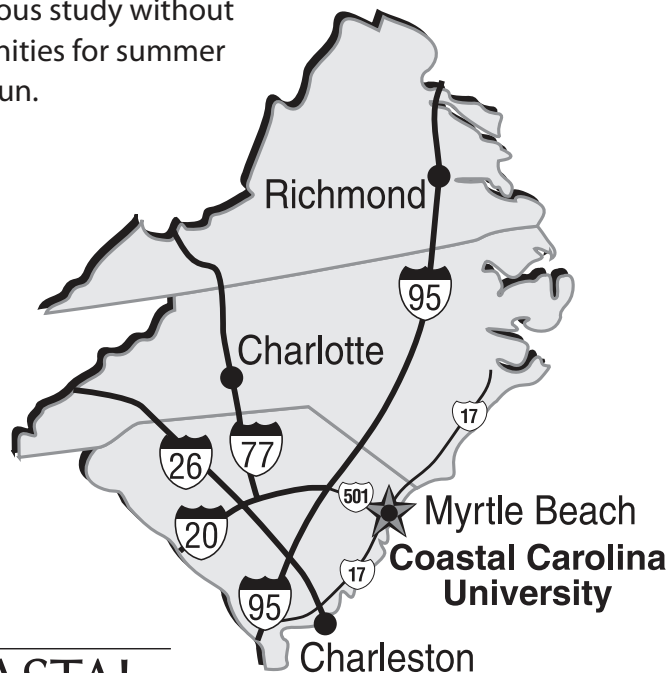
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never missing that 7 a.m. alarm, never choosing the apartment complex pool party over the last class on Friday and certainly never dogging it through sprints at practice.

There is no room for error. He studies. He runs. He adapts.

Helping Armstrong through his first semester as a Pirate is senior defensive back Jacobi Jenkins. Though Jenkins may never have transitioned to a new program, he is very accustomed to adjusting. Once a highly touted wide receiver prospect coming out of high school, Jenkins switched to the defensive side of the ball after his freshman year.

Jenkins has now taken on the role of helping Armstrong become comfortable with his new home. Armstrong praised Jenkins for helping him learn plays and learn

his way around the campus, adding, "He is a guy I look up to."

So now, with almost three months of the spring semester done, Armstrong has smoothly transitioned into the Pirate life. A short time ago, he was living in Mississippi, comfortable in his environment and with a slightly less hectic schedule. That, however, wasn't the biggest change Armstrong noted about the difference between ECU and Hinds.

"I've got busses taking me to classes," said Armstrong. "In Junior College, I didn't have any of that."

Even the perk of something like ECU Transit proves to be just another example of a defensive back that can find comfort amidst the chaos.

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