



## BRIEFS

### Highway patrol kicks off 'No Need 2 Speed'

#### Staff Reports

The governor's Highway Safety Program director, Becky Wallace, N.C. State Highway Patrol Lt. Col. Wellington Scott and Richmond County Sheriff James Clemmons Jr. began the "No Need 2 Speed" campaign yesterday at the Rockingham Speedway.

The campaign is a one week long and will end this Sunday. During this time, local and state law enforcement agencies will conduct stepped up patrols and enforcement to cite speeders and other traffic violators in the state.

According to Wallace, there were 428 speed-related fatalities in North Carolina last year.

Officers will focus on roads including interstates, major highways, rural two-lane roads and city streets.

In last month's campaign, 12,476 state drivers were cited for speeding.

### Gunmen kill three store employees in Farmville

#### Staff Reports

The names of three store employees who were killed Sunday night in Farmville have been released.

The Pitt County Sheriff's Office identified the bodies of 26-year-old Nabil "Sam" Almogahani, 24-year-old Gaber "David" Alawi, and 16-year-old Mokbel "Sam" Almogahani.

Mokbel was a 10th grader at Farmville Central High School and Nabil was the nephew of the store owner.

According to WITN, officials say that a customer entered the Hustle Mart at Joyner Crossroads just before 10 p.m. and found the three employees shot.

Surveillance pictures of the three gunmen were released yesterday morning. Two of the robbers had their faces covered.

According to 911 calls, the store's safe was open.

One of the victims died at the scene, the other two were pronounced dead at Vidant Medical Center.

CrimeStoppers is offering up to a \$5,000 reward in the case.

### District 3A debate to be held Wednesday night

#### Staff Reports

Benevolence Corps, a non-profit organization, will sponsor a judicial candidates' debate for candidates seeking to replace retiring district court judge Charles Vincent.

The District 3A debate will be held on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the C.M. Eppes Recreational Center on Nash Street in Greenville.

ECU Student Government Association president Josh Martinkovic will speak and the event is open to the public.

### Pitt County man wins \$500,000 in lottery

#### Staff Reports

Glenn Wooten, of Fountain, won \$500,000 from the North Carolina Education Lottery.

After taxes, Wooten was given a check for \$340,003, reported WNCT.

Wooten bought the winning ticket at the Wilco Hess on Dickinson Avenue in Greenville. Wooten is a crew leader for a local parks and recreation department.

# Bars ban penny drinks



RYAN HARPER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Communication major Madison Briner drinks at Still Life days after all local bar and club owners met with city council members to ban penny drinks downtown.

### Cameron Gupton

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Recently, all the bars and clubs downtown agreed to stop selling what is referred to as "penny drinks."

Penny drinks, which refer to alcoholic drinks that only cost a penny, are typically associated with penny liquor, but can also include well liquor drinks and penny draft beers.

The agreement came after Greenville city

leaders asked bar owners to help do what they can to revitalize the downtown area.

"Basically we've gotten rid of free alcohol or penny alcohol. No more penny draft, penny liquor, or anything like that," said one local bar owner in an interview with WNCT.

According to the bar owner, the decision to stop serving penny drinks was a mutual agreement between all bar owners in the downtown area.

"We're working hand in hand with the city to

try and clean up the image downtown (has) and try to generate an overall better report," he said.

Bar owners hope that by stopping the sale of cheap alcohol, they will be able to cut down on binge drinking that occurs downtown.

"I see this as a way for a bar to make more money," said junior nursing major Lindsey Ziegler. "Obviously, if they raise the price of

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## Prioritization committee unveils phase two plans

### Caitlin Hunnicutt

STAFF WRITER

The chancellor-appointed Program Prioritization Committee released four different scenarios to reorganize academic structure and save the university up to \$3.8 million annually.

The four different scenarios range from saving the university \$1 million to \$3.8 million per year. The scenarios could implement no change, or could go as far as to completely dismantle three different colleges: the College of Human Ecology, the College of Health and Human Performance, and the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, according to a news release from ECU news services.

The scenario that would generate the most saving would be to cut administrative spending, eliminating several deans, chairs or directors, and a reduction of fixed-term faculty.

The scenarios, released last Friday, are the second phase for the academic reorganization, created in May 2011. The committee's work plans to reduce expenditures and improve academic quality.

After the university received a 16.1 percent budget cut in funding from the state for the 2011-2012 year, Phase I identified programs at the university for investment, maintenance, reduction or elimination.

"If you're saving \$2 million of \$210 million (the combined total state budget for Academic Affairs and Health Sciences), that's about one percent," said Ron Mitchelson, PPC chair and geography professor at ECU. "I think it's at the level we were expecting. It's a reasonable approach."

Changes that could result from the scenarios to the College of Arts and Sciences would be the development of a social and behavioral sciences, humanities college and a STEM college, one that is focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The PCC suggests that \$1

million could be saved annually by analyzing academic administrative costs. This would cause a projected \$650,000 to be cut from the academic affairs budget, while health sciences would lose \$350,000 annually.

The four possible scenarios are:

### Scenario 1 - Estimated savings of \$1 million per year

Enact no structural changes. All colleges must submit a strategic plan for increased administrative efficiency with savings targeted at 0.5 percent of the total permanent state budget for Academic Affairs and Health Sciences divisions (approximately \$1 million per year).

### Scenario 2 - Estimated savings of \$1.6 million per year

Implement Scenario 1. Move nutrition sciences to the College of Health and Human Performance or to the health sciences division.

Move interior design to the College of Fine Arts and Communication School of Art & Design.

Move merchandising to the College of Business' Department of Marketing and supply chain management.

Move physician assistant studies to Brody School of Medicine, into family medicine.

Move clinical lab science to Brody School of Medicine, into pathology & lab medicine.

Merge business & information technology education (BITE) and library science within College of Education.

Move centers and institutes

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## 'Savage U' premieres tonight on MTV

### Caitlin Hunnicutt

STAFF WRITER

MTV will premiere the new show 'Savage U,' featuring sex columnist Dan Savage tonight at 11 p.m.

"(Savage U) is a new original series that features Dan Savage and his producer Lauren (Hutchinson) as they travel to colleges all across the country. They really kind of explore the campus culture at each spot," said MTV producer Jake Urbanski.

'Savage U' was filmed at East Carolina University, the University of Maryland, Ohio State University, Auburn University, the University of Illinois Chicago, Cornell University, the University of Oregon, the University of Central Florida, Rhodes

College, the University of California Irvine, Texas Tech University, and Tulane University.

The first 30-minute episode of 'Savage U' will take place at the University of Maryland.

Each episode of "Savage U" follows Dan Savage, and producer Lauren Hutchinson as they host Q&A sessions for college students, as well as intimate one-on-one interviews with college students. The sessions with Savage answer any sex, relationship, dating or love questions that students have.

The description of the show from a MTV producer states, "Each college they touch down at has its own campus culture, and Dan and

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## SGA candidates debate for election



MORGAN HOPLBY | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Members from ticket one, two and three debated at the Mendenhall brickyard Monday. All candidates talked about their goals for the university and what changes they plan to advocate for when it comes to student interest.

Students were given a chance to walk up and ask individual candidates specific questions. Although not all members were present at the event, their views and ideas were

still expressed to students.

Elections will be held from April 3 until April 5 and will be open 24 hours a day to allow students to log on at any time and vote. Students do not need to vote for one specific ticket, but can in fact vote for individual people on different tickets. Voting will close on Thursday, April 5.

--Staff Reports

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drinks, they will increase what they make."

The new rule is not actually being enforced by the city and went into effect on March 23. City leaders, including Mayor Allen Thomas, have expressed that they are in support of the new rule.

City councilwoman Marion Blackburn said that she believes that downtown clubs and bar owners can be part of a healthy downtown environment.

"It is reasonable to have a downtown club district in a college town, but also to have a healthy atmosphere," said Blackburn. "We haven't had that in the last few years."

Blackburn represents District 3 of the city, which

includes the university campus and the surrounding areas, as well as 10th Street to Pirates Cove.

Her district does not technically include the downtown area, but is adjacent to it.

"I think their initiation in eliminating penny liquor and penny drinks is a positive step to a healthy and safe downtown," said Blackburn.

She said that there has been some agreement and disagreement on how to handle situations regarding downtown among the City Council, which includes six people and the mayor.

"I would like to see us get away from 16 establishments that only serve alcohol," said Blackburn. "It would be a

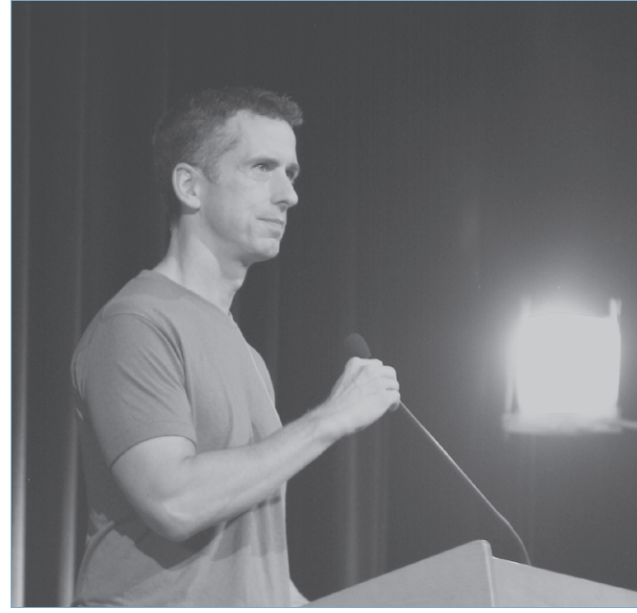
positive business model for those bar owners."

Blackburn hopes to see a more full spectrum of offerings downtown, which would include food and live venues that serve alcohol.

"I think that if you cut down on penny liquor downtown, that gives students more of an excuse to drink more before they go downtown," said senior architectural design major Brittany Pearce. "I can see how they're trying to make it safer, but in the end, it's only going to encourage binge drinking at home."

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The show will feature the University of Maryland tonight on MTV.

Lauren dive deep into those worlds while exploring the "taboo" topics that people don't talk about — and the ones that everyone wants to talk about."

Savage responded to the taboo topics in a conference call about the show, stating, "We didn't go into any super dark places, that's where the taboo stuff could come up. Nothing is taboo. Taboo speaks to hang ups, however insane your sexual fantasies might seem, as long as you have another person who enjoys them as well, it shouldn't be viewed as taboo. It's almost as if what is more taboo is what's more alluring more often. If we want people to be "normal," we should make things as less taboo as possible."

The end of each episode will lead viewers to an online resource where they can find answers to their sex, health and relationship questions.

"What trips people up about sex is trying to get laid. Sex education should be about trying to talk someone into having sex with you, what it means to be responsible with sex, and about consent," said Savage. "Personally, (abstinence-only education) makes me very angry because it makes people's sex lives more dangerous, and the people who teach abstinence-only education direct the damage done to the wrong people."

Savage stated in his conference call with the College Press, "If we taught drivers-ed the way we taught sex-ed, no one would survive their first trip in a car."

This is the first season of 'Savage U,' but Savage and Hutchinson both stated to have hopes of having a second season. Savage, jokingly, stated "Our dream, of course, is to do 'Savage U Abroad' and a spring break edition where we just run around putting condoms on people who need them."

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to college-level hosts with the possibility of creating a School of the Coast and Sustainable Environment. (Institute for coastal science and policy and renaissance computing institute to the Harriot College of Arts & Sciences; center for sustainable tourism to the College of Business; N.C. agromedicine institute and center for health disparities research to the Brody School of Medicine.)

Move ECU-TV from Laupus Health Sciences Library to Communication, marketing and public affairs.

Adjust operations at Laupus and Joyner libraries to reduce duplication and improve efficiencies.

### Scenario 3A – Estimated savings \$2.6 million per year

Enact Scenario 1  
Enact Scenario 2  
Distribute College of Human Ecology.

Move child development and family relations to College of Education or College of Allied Health Sciences.

Move criminal justice to Harriot College of Arts & Sciences.

Move social work to College of Allied Health Sciences.

### Scenario 3B – Estimated savings \$2.5 million per year

Enact Scenario 1  
Enact Scenario 2  
Distribute College of Health and Human Performance.

Merge recreation and leisure studies and hospital-ity management within the College of Business.

Move environmental health & promotion to the Brody School of Medicine's department of public

health.

Move school health education and physical education to College of Education's department of curriculum and instruction.

Move kinesiology to College of Allied Health Sciences.

Move nutrition sciences from College of Human Ecology to College of Allied Health Sciences.

### Scenario 3C – Estimated savings \$2 million per year

Enact Scenario 1  
Enact Scenario 2

Create new College of Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM): construction management, technology systems, engineering, computer science, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, mathematics, physics.

Create new College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and the Humanities: anthropology, foreign languages & literatures, geography, history, philosophy, political science, sociology, economics, English, psychology.

### Scenario 4 – Estimated savings range from \$2.9 to \$3.8 million per year

Enact Scenario 1  
Enact Scenario 2  
Combine two or more options within Scenario 3

Forums will be held beginning April 9th, so that faculty and staff can provide feedback to each of the scenarios. After that period, the PCC plans to present one scenario to the chancellor on April 30th.

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## NEW PIRATES ARE COMING!

The East Carolinian ad department is now reserving the Early Bird Special ad space for Pirate Preview 2012. The Pirate Preview will be in the Freshman Orientation packets and distributed during the summer at the New Student Orientations.

The Pirate Preview introduces new Pirates to college life at ECU and most importantly, introduces them to you. Take advantage of the Early Bird Special below! The deadline to reserve ad space at the Early Bird Special is 4pm on April 19\*. As an added bonus, if you reserve ad space in the Pirate Preview you can also take advantage of reserving the same ad size or larger in the first edition of the new school year - The Back To School Edition at the Ad Managers Discount.\*\*

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Tab 3	5 Cols x 5.5"	\$192.50
Tab 4	3 Cols x 5.5"	\$115.50
Tab 5	5 Cols x 2.75"	\$96.25
Tab 6	2 Cols x 5.5"	\$77.00
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3 Column is 5.000" wide

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\*The final deadline (reserve ad space & prepayment) in the Pirate Preview - Thursday, May 17.

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Like birds of a feather, fat chicks flock together.

To the offspring of Carrot Top and Brian Scalabrine, cool 69 tat on your back, your parents must be proud.

I really want to run up to one of those campus tours and tell the prospective students, "Don't do it, college sucks. Enjoy high school while you can!"

I don't usually submit Pirate Rants, but when I do ... I'm never sober.

Back in the day, Pirate Rants used to take up THREE columns.

What is a horny Pirate's worse nightmare? A sunken chest with no booty.

Girl on the cover of TEC in a bikini, can I get your numba? Can I have it?

Take longer pulling out your One-Card in the Chick-Fil-a line, I dare you...

If she lives in Jarvis instead of on Jarvis, she's too young for you, bro.

Don't get on one knee for a girl if she won't get on two for you.

"Wow, you're tall. Do you play basketball?" "Wow, you're short, do you play mini golf?"

Which came first: the rant or the paper?

Crime Reduces Innocence Makes Everyone Angry I Declare.

Don't wear skinny jeans if you don't have skinny genes.

I wish I could have TEC delivered to my apartment on Tuesdays and Thursdays so I can read the rants while I take my morning dump.

I don't exactly hate you, but if you were on fire and I had water, I'd drink it.

To the lucky bum who landed the blonde in the black skirt taking the walk of shame Friday at 7 a.m.: Congrats!

I wish there would be more TEC front-page pics of half-naked girls.

You say you have never thrown up from drinking or had a hangover. I say you aren't pushing the limits.

No more free drinks downtown = No more tips for the bartenders. Sorry, I'm a poor college student.

Just realized how much grossness is on the keyboards in Joyner. Having trouble typing now...

This election season, I'm voting Cady Heron ... cause I heard she pushed her!

Haven't had a rant published in a while: contemplating suicide, or sleeping with someone from TEC.

My girlfriend has now had more rants published than me this year. Publish this, and restore order.

I wish my exams were as easy as some of the girls I go to school with...

The girl in the "Flipadelphia" shirt was raised right.

If Todd could talk, I wonder how often it would say, "Don't judge me."

I said I didn't want to have sex with you unless we dated ... the real reason was because I was afraid I'd be disappointed with the size.

It is kind of ironic that the two girls on the front page of the paper tanning last week were education and communication majors ... just saying.

## The experienced ticket



**Angus McKellar**  
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**PROS:**  
"The Devoted:" that's what the candidates for Ticket 1 call themselves. If you ask why, they will say that it signifies their years of service in student government, their commitment to the students, and that their desire to serve as executive officers has nothing to do with personal gain. But if such phrases sound trite, Ticket 1 has offered to put its money where its mouth is.

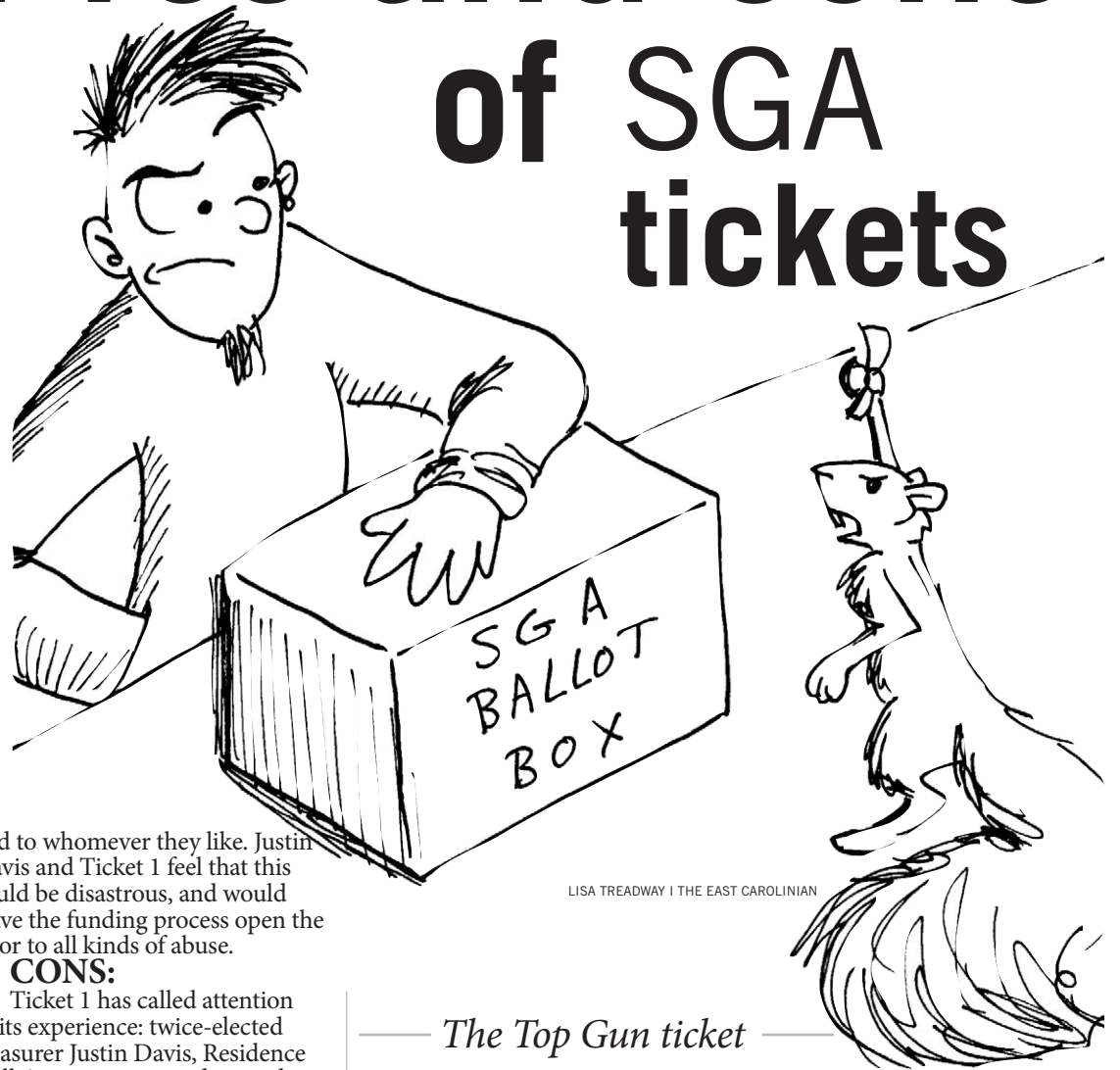
Ticket 1, led by current SGA treasurer Justin Davis, has pledged to slash and burn their own salaries by \$15,000 if they are elected — money which they will donate for student scholarships. And the mere fact that the candidates can breathlessly fork over such a huge sum may give you an idea of how much money is currently being handed out to student government officers.

Our current president, Josh Martinkovic, makes \$600 a month, plus gets a parking pass, a meal plan, free classes during the summer and money for books. A plum job indeed, when most students can't even tell you what a student body president actually does.

But student government does quite a bit, which is why you should consider voting in this election. Student government allocates \$100,000 a year to various student clubs and organizations, such as the Textile Guild, the nursing association (ECANS) and the GLBTSU. Your vote will determine how this money gets divided.

Currently, funding requests must undergo a strict process to ensure that money is not spent frivolously and that organizations are not unfairly over or underfunded. And certain groups are grumbling that the process is too strict, although Justin Davis has had no difficulty in dispensing the money at his disposal during his tenure as treasurer. When, for example, J.P. Reilly and Ticket 2 pledge to disband the student appropriations section, they are giving themselves the power to freely disburse money wherever

# Pros and cons of SGA tickets



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and to whomever they like. Justin Davis and Ticket 1 feel that this could be disastrous, and would leave the funding process open the door to all kinds of abuse.

**CONS:**  
Ticket 1 has called attention to its experience: twice-elected treasurer Justin Davis, Residence Hall Association president and SGA senator AnnaMaria Galozzi and senators Eric Green and Sebastian Gil. But experience is a double-edged sword: they must take responsibility for the actions of the current student government administration. And there has never been a more outrageous betrayal of the student body's interests than when Josh Martinkovic voted to raise tuition. It was the responsible thing to do, he said.

"Do you feel partly responsible, having been elected on the same ticket as President Martinkovic?" I asked Justin Davis. "No one knew that he would vote that way," he responded. "I try to remember that the executive officers are elected to advocate for the students, not just to vote how they think."

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## The Top Gun ticket



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Presidential candidate John Patrick Reilly, vice-presidential candidate Matt Paske, along with Ashley Wooten and Chris Womack, have come together on Ticket 2 to change the future of ECU.

**PROS:**  
While detractors often cite the affiliation of each member of Ticket 2 with Greek organizations, each is also very involved with non-Greek organizations. So any claim that they will only cater to Greeks, is like saying Barack Obama is a closet jihadist who will cater to terrorist groups because his middle name is Hussein. They don't just work with Greeks.

The collaboration with City of Greenville Mayor Allen Thomas to promote Greek Housing is certainly a plus. If you don't think this is a problem, you should probably look at real universities with real Greek systems.

I really like that Ticket 2 plans on increasing fiscal transparency with the ECU budget. No more complaining about ambiguous matriculation fees showing up, as if "matriculation" were even a word before tuition billing came along.

Ticket 2 also hopes to establish a "Freedom of Expression Wall," similar to the one at N.C. State. Now, before you go ranting about how we're Pirates and we don't need to copy anything that State does, ask yourself this: is it really necessary to be that stubborn, even if it means squelching one of the last remaining opportunities to express yourself? If you don't think we need an expression wall, come back in six months after you graduate and tell me how your job search is going after you've "expressed" yourself with seem-

ingly benign tattoos, piercings, hair styles, Facebook accounts, or any other mark of a non-conforming individual. Stick it to the man by voting Ticket 2, or else you might be a communist.

Additionally, the ticket is running as a cohesive unit — a group of individuals that works together as a team. Theirs is not an agenda to simply get one man into office. They have a vision for this university and they have the dedication to see it through, unlike some candidates from other tickets who have a habit of quitting at the first sign of adversity.

Ticket 2 also hopes to add an SGA satellite office on the medical campus is extremely important to me. Vice president candidate Matt Paske, a senior nursing major, has been advocating for such an office for the last three years. The reason I know he'll get it accomplished is because he's still in nursing school; he has a vested interest in reconciling main and medical campuses — and it's not just to get more votes. When things got difficult, he didn't switch majors to political science, or some such nonsense.

None of the members of Ticket 2 wear bowties in their advertisements. Sure, bowties, seersucker suits and Arnold Palmers have their place. But we're not in Augusta, set to watch the second practice round of the Masters. We're at ECU; and in this environment, you look rather like a circus clown.

**CONS:**  
The worst accusation that CAN be leveled at them is that they use a Top Gun graphic on their posters, which is hardly a bad thing. In fact, every time I see one of their posters, I feel like I'm keeping up foreign relations in a 4G-inverted dive with a MiG28. And it's awesome.

They haven't made promises to ban Brother Ross, dole out free ice cream on hot days, or seriously consider making the squirrels our official mascot.

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## The people's ticket



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Gerrick Hilliard Jr., who is running for SGA president, explains that the philosophy of Ticket 3 is that they can appeal to everyone and have diverse viewpoints between their four candidates. Hillard, along with Jeffrie Cofie (vice president), Caleb Hopkins (treasurer) and Michaela Ashworth (secretary) make up Ticket 3.

**PROS:**  
On their Facebook page, and when out campaigning at Wright Plaza, Ticket 3 asks the student body what changes they would like to see take place. They are going hard with their advocacy of constituent services and come across as a sort of "catch-all" campaign.

Also on the ticket's page, they are noted as wanting to make sure the SGA website is updated frequently. Currently, five of the eight tabs on the site lack the information that should be there. Some of the missing information would help for better transparency, such as their budget and news updates. Updating the website is one of their top priorities, if elected.

In response to my question about concerns of rising tuition, they said that they would actively fight to keep tuition from rising. Another student expressed concerns about having additional financial assistance for students who require more supplies than just textbooks, such as art and theater majors. Ticket 3's reply was the possibility of setting up a

scholarship for these students to help cover the cost.

Hilliard, who has previous experience as an SGA senator, will bring prior knowledge to the table.

Overall, Ticket 3 would like to make the SGA more transparent, accessible, connected, accountable and provide more leadership opportunities to the students.

**CONS:**  
On the negative side, it is hard to pin down what they concretely stand for. Their anchor is that they will respond to the interests of the students. This sounds good at first, but the interests of the students might be vastly different on certain issues, with minority voices possibly left out.

Their campaign is very open ended. Part of the issue lies in their philosophical approach, as many specific programs are left out. The only specific planks of their platform involve updating the website and secretary candidate Ashworth's goal of holding instructors, who aren't performing well, accountable.

Aside from the aforementioned positions, this ticket has a less rigid and more pragmatic platform. In this sense, they are lacking in specifics when compared to Ticket 2, which has quite a few. In comparison to Ticket 1, Ticket 3 lacks the alluring idea of additional scholarships from a \$15,000 cut to the executive branch. In order for this ticket to be successful, students would have to meet with the SGA on a regular basis to keep pressure on them for the programs and changes we advocate.

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## POLL RESULTS

### What ticket will you vote in the SGA elections?

**Ticket 1 65%**  
**Ticket 2 11%**  
**Ticket 3 24%**

## WEB POLL

### Do you think it was smart to remove the downtown barrier?

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## ALBUM REVIEWS

### What's spinning this spring



Stephen Mason  
COLUMNIST

Sadly, I'll have but one more column following

this one, and since this year has already been particularly fruitful with fresh albums ripe for the plucking, I thought I'd share some other finds that I won't have the space to review later this month.

Hot picks for 2012 you won't see on the charts: Nico-freaks (or anyone who enjoys the Velvet Underground or Jonathan Richman/The Modern Lovers) should check out Cate Le Bon's *Cyrk*. Spanish singer Bebe's *Un Pokito de Rocanrol*, and "K.I.E.R.E.M.E." is particularly infectious. A killer comp entitled *Bambara Mystic Soul: The Raw Sounds of Burkina Faso 1974-1979* collects sixteen primo African rhythm-centric cuts from that region. *Attack On Memory* by Cloud Nothings and Schoolboy Q's *Habits & Contradictions* are also worth adding to your collection.

#### THE CRANBERRIES – *Roses*:

"They sound the same as they did in '93," my girlfriend remarked after our first listen, and it was not a compliment. Fearing I felt their magic might have never been, I re-spun *Everybody Else is Doing It, So Why Can't We?* and was relieved to still be moved by it, though I find the claim about *Roses* true: Their sound hasn't changed; it's come back in style. Compare the feel and critical glitz of Girls' *Father, Son, Holy Ghost* last year, particularly "Alex," to something like "Tomorrow," the moderately catchy single and hands-down best cut — a song too lethargic (and thus seemingly long) to replicate the pop and snap of anything on *Everybody Else* (like "Dreams," which is thirty-seven seconds longer) or even *No Need to Argue*.

#### MARK LANEGAN BAND – *Blues Funeral*:

Lanegan is more faithful to the funeral theme of this album than the blues — rumbling leadoff track, "The Gravedigger's Song," for instance, or the rattling, howling chorus of "Phantasmagoria Blues" are blues in name only. He merely blurs lines with "Bleeding Muddy Water," which sounds like sinking into the grave, but could also be Chicago/Delta hero worship. Fuzz guitars and active bass lines abound and back up Lanegan's grizzled baritone, tapering only after the best track: "Harborview Hospital," wherein Lanegan relates what he's witnessing with his voice, not his words. And what a wonderfully dark picture he paints.

#### THE MAGNETIC FIELDS – *Love At the Bottom of the Sea*:

Fifteen songs (each running between two and three minutes, and collectively under 35) mark Merritt's funniest and most diverse set of love songs since he compiled 69 of them in 1999 and embarked on his no-synth trilogy. Opens and closes strongly, but sags in the middle with the personal humor predictably more appealing than the sadistic: Gonson's cartoonish voice counterbalances and colors the rather violent "Your Girlfriend's Face," though I'll take "Andrew In Drag" any day of the week because I can imagine Merritt in such a comical predicament.

#### SINEAD O'CONNOR – *How About I Be Me (And You Be You)?*:

I'll admit, I love "Nothing Compares 2 U," and I like the video to boot. But O'Connor's super serious demeanor, both in her music and public profile, can be irksome. So, the fact that she lets loose here is a fresh breath of air. I like that she says "Make me laugh like an idiot/Not be so serious" on "Old Lady" and sounds like she means it. I like that she never plans on having

# Where the hammock people are

TJ Weaver  
STAFF WRITER

Many students consider the Mall the heart of campus. During a warm sunny day, the grass-covered lawn thrives with students tanning, throwing frisbees, listening to Brother Ross and watching quarrelsome squirrels. Taking it all in from high above, "the hammock people" hang, suspended in bright neon "cocoons," enjoying every aspect that ECU has to offer.

For freshman biology major Taylan Doherty, "hammocking" in the Mall has been quite the experience. After growing up with a hammock, he's now an avid fan, carrying one wherever he may go.

"Pretty much three to four times a week, we're out there on campus," said Doherty. "This whole semester it's been nice."

While hanging about, he and his friends have received a plethora of questions from curious students walking to and from class, but Doherty doesn't mind them; in fact, he finds that the more questions, the better.

"Every day, students come up and ask questions," said Doherty. "Where can I find those?" "How do you get up there?" "Is that safe?" "Can you sleep in that?" "How do you get out of that?" Everyone wants to know if there's a hammocking club. We're kind of all just friends that hang out."

According to Doherty, depend-

ing on the brand, for about \$40 to \$60, one can find a hammock and all equipment needed from Great Outdoor Provision, located on Greenville Blvd. For \$10 or less, one can buy a hammock online. And setting one up only takes five minutes.

"To set up a regular hammock, you have your two straps and the actual hammock," said Doherty. "First, you wrap your strap around a tree and cinch it back to itself or tie it on. Next, you hang the hammock based on your height or how high you want it. Then, stretching your hammock between two trees, you hook it with S-hooks, a karabiner or anything else you may have."

It's when the hammocks are stacked four to six feet high that many students pull out cameras and stare in amazement from afar. According to Doherty, even when stacked that high, the hammocks aren't difficult to set up.

"In the Mall, we've had six high. We operate on a ladder system. You can do your first two from the ground. Hang them pretty tight so you don't hang down on the person below," said Doherty. "Then someone climbs into the second one. Once

Taylan Doherty lounges in a hammock on the Mall.

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you're in the second hammock, you hang the straps for the third hammock, and so on. It's not as hard as it sounds or looks."

Doherty and his friends have seen a lot lying about in the Mall. As glamorous as it may seem, there are some things to beware — flying objects, bird bombs and feisty squirrels.

"Squirrels are awful on campus," said Doherty. "They're really violent during the fall. They'll fight each other and run up the trees. They'll have whole clusters of nuts and will just drop them on you for no reason. I caught this one squirrel between the Rec Center and Mendenhall dragging an entire slice of cheese pizza."

Trying to sleep while Brother Ross visits is nearly impossible, but Doherty doesn't mind it.

"You can't take a nap when Brother Ross is around," said Doherty. "People go crazy when the

Banana-Man or someone in the full-body suits stops by. I haven't been condemned for hammocking yet, so that's cool."

As far as the dangers, according to Doherty, it's virtually impossible to fall out of a hammock since it wraps around like a cocoon. Just make sure to clear out any twigs and debris below, and check for the maximum amount of weight the hammock can hold, which will be located on the packet when purchased.

One can hammock in the mountains, on the beach and at the lake while reading a good book, working on a laptop, or tanning. Doherty and his friends encourage everyone to hammock at least once.

"We enjoy the Mall because it's right in the middle of everything," said Doherty. "Friends are either coming or going to class. There's enough space for everyone to congregate, chill and hangout, so come on out and hammock with us."

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# Tickets 2 and 3 talk

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Originally from New England, Mass. to be exact, senior business management major Gerrick Hilliard Jr. (ticket 3 president candidate) moved to Charlotte, N.C. at the age of 11.

Despite trying to stay away from student government in high school, Hilliard became interested in Model UN, which was just the beginning of a long journey into student government roles and his current campaign run to become Pirate Nation's president.

Hilliard has always had a strong support group that has guided and shaped him into the person he is today. He said that his parents "raised him right" and instilled strong morals in him. Along with his parents, Hilliard also credits his church for not only strengthening his morals, but also teaching him to live life with a high ethical standard.

Through his years at school, Hilliard has been a part of campus organizations such as the appropriations committee, a student advisor for the Conduct Board, and a parliamentarian and representative of the Black Student Union, to name a few. And with the experience he has gained this past year as a member of senate, his goals have always been higher than just that. "Running for president is something I wanted to do since I was a freshman," said Hilliard. "I think it was more of how to obtain the experience and how to be taken seriously as a candidate."

But now that he has gained the knowledge and experience, Hilliard's campaign to become president hasn't changed from what he believed in years ago, relying on his strong moral backbone. "There are a lot of organizations that I was a part of that didn't get as much of an equal say," said Hilliard. "We are trying to open up the playing field a little bit more."

Taking more of a "grass roots" approach, Hilliard and his team have been going to organizations across campus, talking to them and hearing what they have to say, and doing the same with random people on the Mall. "We want everyone to have a sense of belonging with whatever it may be,"



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Hilliard is running for SGA president.



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Cofie is running for vice president.

said Hilliard. "Whether it is games, religion, or politics, we want to make sure they know that there is something out there for everyone."

Although Hilliard and his running mate for vice president Jeffrey Cofie, a junior biology major, grew up going to rival high schools, the two have come together in the hopes to help ECU grow and become the best school it can be.

At Providence High School in Charlotte, N.C., Jeffrey Cofie was actively involved in leadership programs, acting as the president of the multicultural club, along with HOSA. Though Cofie played soccer and briefly played lacrosse, he spent the majority of his time volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, Alexander's Children Center and other local shelters.

Once he came to ECU, former SGA president Tremayne Smith, among other previous SGA members, heavily influenced Cofie to get involved on campus. "Coming here, it's always good for every student to have a mentor," said Cofie, crediting Smith for his guidance and inspiration. "They have really helped shape who I am now, and encouraged me to get more involved with student government."

And with the extended campaign time, Cofie and company have taken advantage of the opportunity to get out and let their voices be heard. "The great thing is we've gotten to meet a lot more people," said Cofie. "People we (would not have) met if it weren't for campaigning."

Despite the influence from his peers, Cofie gives the most credit to his parents as being the main inspiration and guiding hand for him. Seeing the ambition and drive his parents displayed every day, Cofie learned from them and uses their example in his daily life, as he is truly thankful for the opportunity he has to be in college.

And with that opportunity, Cofie has taken advantage and become involved in organizations such as Black Student Union, Jarvis Leadership Program, SGA Shipmates, Raquetball Club, and many others. "Part of being a leader is being able to listen to everyone's problems and find a solution that everyone can compromise on," said Cofie. "I like hearing everyone's opinions on things. That is mainly why I wanted to get into SGA in the first place."



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Senior Matt Paske is the ticket 2 candidate for SGA vice president.

Born outside Grand Rapids in Holland, Mich., Matt Paske, a senior nursing and psychology major and vice president candidate for Ticket 2, moved to Raleigh, N.C. 10 years ago. Despite the many years spent in North Carolina, Paske's roots are still up north.

In high school, Paske spent the majority of his time on the playing field, excelling as a baseball and football player. Until his senior year, Paske had no involvement in student government, receiving all of his leadership experience from the years of sports he played.

During his time in Greenville, Paske has been involved in organizations such as Pi Kappa Alpha, serving as the vice president and president; ODK National Leadership Society; East Carolina Association of Nursing Students; and SGA

Senate, just to get started.

"Nurses are always so worried about other people," said Paske. "They never get to see problems amongst themselves, so my ultimate goal is to go out and be the voice for them."

Paske's number one influence, other than his parents, is his grandfather, who died his senior year of high school. Paske learned how to be respectful, to be a good listener, and to put passion into everything he does from his "Papi." As a remembrance of the things he has learned, Paske wears his grandfather's WWII dog tag.

Like his parents and Papi, Paske enjoys putting in hard work and seeing things get done. "The coolest thing about nursing is you are always doing something for other people," said Paske. "The type of work they

do; that is why I like it so much."

And unlike years past, Paske hopes to become more than a voice for organizations around campus that sometimes get swept under the rug. "This is the first time someone from the medical campus has run for office," said Paske, mentioning organizations didn't even know funding was available for them. "All of the voices out there have been so unrepresented in student government for such a long time."

But just like any other college student, Paske spends his free time like most. He likes to hang out by the pool, listen to music, eat Italian food, and most of all, just be around people.

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hair again but talks about putting it up prettily in the folksy "4th and Vine" for her boo. But I also like that she's found a happy balance of the personal and the political. Take "Back Where You Belong," which features the painful concession that love gets complicated once you realize society's ability to interfere.

**SLEIGH BELLS – Reign of Terror:** I love Alexis Krauss's ability to address death so subtly, so fun-lovingly and non-nihilistically, though not quite as much as I enjoy Derek Miller's wrecking guitar riffs, Krauss's sexy soprano whisper, or their collective blistering rhythms. She cuts heaviness (both of lyric and beat) with immediate rephrasing. My favorite track, "End of the Line," features a chorus of Hamlet-ian crises: "You know it didn't have to be this way/You know it didn't have to be." Or how they follow their mantra "Never Say Die" with "D.O.A." Same thing when she falters on professing affection and instead opts for domination: "I've got a crush on/I've got to crush you now" she sweetly sings. Bonus: The longest cut, "You Lost Me," is, arguably, the most gorgeous.

**BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN – Wrecking Ball:** Springsteen's featured antagonist in his finest political protest music in years is referred to mostly as "they" — "they" who bankrupted his town, "they" who leave us scrounging for meaningful work, etc. etc. And to be fair, we don't need occasional mention of bankers to ID the somewhat-abstract forces he's referencing. Take note: "Jack of All Trades" amounts to "It's all happened before and it'll happen again," and by the next cut, he suggests we "send the robber barons straight to hell" when they return, meaning we won't change much now. And also note the Boss kicks off with "we" (and yes, that's you and I) and is no more charitable in addressing our passivity than he is their predatory behavior. Because just what kind of irony is implicated when he says "Wherever this flag's flown/We take care of our own" and, among other things, drops mention of the Superdome in New Orleans? That the rich protect the rich? That we pummel the weak into submission? That us commoners fail miserably at banding together against pernicious powers that direct our squabbling over fabricated divisions? You say all those and more? Me too.

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# Hunting for eggs on the Mall



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This past Sunday, the honor fraternity Phi Sigma Pi hosted its annual on-campus Easter egg hunt. The event, which was held from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., brought the kids of ECU faculty members to the Mall to search for the hidden eggs. Phi Sigma Pi has hosted the Easter egg hunt for the past 11 years, engraving this into the university's springtime traditions. The fraternity sees this annual event as a way to give back to faculty and bring together their families.

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## Junior southpaw earns C-USA weekly award

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Junior Tyler Joyner was named Conference USA Pitcher-of-the-Week after tossing his first career complete game against UAB. Joyner becomes the second Pirate to earn the weekly honors following Drew Reynolds' Hitter-of-the-Week accolades back on March 12.

Joyner picked up his fourth win of the season against UAB on Saturday, tossing his first career-complete game. The southpaw scattered four hits in the contest, allowing two runs and striking out a career-best eight batters. He faced just four of over the minimum 27 batters on 101 pitches, inducing seven fly outs, 11 ground outs and all four Blazer hits were singles. Joyner retired the side in order in seven of nine frames, facing four batters in the fourth and five in the sixth.

On the season, the Rocky Mount native has allowed 14 runs on 36 hits with 33 strikeouts to allow just eight walks in 44.0 innings. In six of his seven starts, Joyner has registered four quality starts, which is tied with classmate Jharel Cotton for second on the team behind Kevin Brandt's team-leading five. He is holding opposing hitters to a .224 composite batting average.

The Pirates (19-8) return to the diamond on tonight, when they travel to in-state foe, UNC-Wilmington (15-12). First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. (EST).

## Track and field wins quad meet

### Staff Reports

The ECU track and field program teamed up with former Colonial Athletic Association Rival UNC-Wilmington and emerged victorious for the first time ever over Mountain schools Appalachian State and Western Carolina in the Fourth Annual Mountains vs. Beaches Meet in Wilmington.

It was a clean sweep for the eastern teams, as the men won 354.5-310.5 and the women came out on top 353-321. ECU produced 33 top-three finishes to buoy its effort.

The Pirates did their part by winning 14 event titles, including a school-record performance by senior Dennis Aliotta in the shot put, where he threw 17.92 meters. Junior Tiffany Harris was responsible for a total of four titles during the weekend, with her three individual wins in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and the long jump, and joining with Tania Minkins, Tyshonda Hawkins and Erin Tucker to take gold in the 4x100 relay.

Michael Quercia topped the field in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:54.20, before taking second in the 1,500-meter run, clocking in at 8:56.34. Joseph Samuels also continued his solid campaign with a win in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.25.

Stephen Hodapp added to ECU's gold medal haul, jumping 4.65 meters, and Aliotta followed suit with a victory in the hammer throw at 61.73. Teammate Montrell Morrow fell just behind in the hammer with a second-place result. Rounding out the first-place finishes for the men was Matthew McConaughey in the javelin, as he recorded a mark of 63.01, with Sam Barnhardt taking second at 57.43 meters.

The Pirates continue their outdoor campaign next weekend, heading to Gainesville, Fla., for the Florida Relays. The meet is slated for April 6-7.

# Wild finish for fifth sweep

## Pirates beat Blazers in extra inning showdown

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Completing a series sweep is not an easy thing to achieve. No matter the talent disparity between the teams, winning three straight games against one team does not happen often. Talent alone won't get the job done; sometimes having a little luck is all that a team needs.

And luck is exactly what ECU had Sunday after defeating the UAB Blazers, 6-5 in 13 innings, to finish off a series which saw the Pirates grab an 11-6 win on Friday and a 12-2 victory on Saturday.

Trailing 5-2 heading into the bottom of the ninth, the Pirates seemed moments away from defeat.

For the majority of the day, the ECU offense was stagnant, failing to capitalize on numerous opportunities. That all changed when the Pirates had just three outs left.

After John Wooten led off the ninth with a fly out to center, Ben Fultz (double), Zach Wright (walk) and Bryan Bass (single) all reached safely. At that moment, head coach Billy Godwin had a choice to make. With Philip Clark coming up, Godwin had to decide whether to use the contact hitting ability of Clark, or insert someone with more power in the hopes of tying or winning the game off one swing.

Godwin decided to pinch-hit for Clark and inserted Chase McDonald in his stead. McDonald delivered after a wild pitch cut the ECU deficit to one. McDonald drilled a 1-2 fastball into right-center, allowing Bass and Wright to score and sending the game into extras.



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Zach Wright (20) has reached base safely in 15-straight games, including in three wins against the UAB at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

While Fultz would deliver the game winner in the 13th, all eyes were on McDonald after the game.

McDonald came to ECU from the Greenville area with huge expectations and lived up to those expectations in his freshman campaign, hitting .314 with four home runs and 31 RBIs. However, early on in his sophomore season, McDonald

**“I've been around this group long enough to know that we're never out of it until the last strike.”**

- Billy Godwin

has seen not only his production fall, but his playing time as well.

Last year, McDonald played in 55 games, while starting 49. So far this season, he has played in just 19 games, getting 17 starts while hitting just .207 with one home run

and 9 RBIs. For someone who had struggled mightily during the early portion of 2012, McDonald spoke with confidence following the game.

“Honestly, I was really relaxed,” McDonald said. “I'd been through so many struggles this year that at-bat couldn't do anything to me anymore. I was just out there with the most confidence I could have, that I was going to get it done, and drive in the runs and tie the game.”

Godwin, however, said the move wasn't about restoring confidence to a player who may have lost it, but instead was a calculated move based on the score.

“With McDonald, when the at-bat started, we were down three,” Godwin said. “He's a guy coming off the bench that has a chance to find a gap. I thought he was a guy who could drive the ball and tie the game.”

With the win on Sunday, which was the longest game ECU has played since Southern Miss in 2008,

going into 13 innings, the Pirates are now 7-3 in one-run games and have won five games when trailing after six innings.

“I've been around this group long enough to know that we're never out of it until the last strike,” Godwin said. “Our guys, you give them some momentum, they believe they're going to win. That's a hard thing to teach.”

Perhaps the most impressive stat to come out of this weekend's series sweep is that the Pirates have now completed five sweeps on the year, defeating Milwaukee, Stony Brook, going undefeated in the Alabama Classic, Penn State and now, UAB.

Drew Reynolds worked a season high four-shutout innings in relief to earn the win, notching a career-best six strikeouts, while also going three-for-five from the dish. Reynolds scored the game-winning run on Fultz' sacrifice fly in the 13th.

ECU was able to gain victory

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## Baseball ranks nationally in attendance

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ECU is a baseball school. Pirate fans want to see the football team get back to the winning tradition that Skip Holtz brought to the Purple and Gold, and Pirate basketball fans would love nothing more than being relevant in basketball.

However, ECU is a baseball school, and it is time for everyone to acknowledge it.

Year-in and year-out, the Pirates field a top-30 baseball team that puts up great winning records and hosts top-notch opponents such as the North Carolina Tar Heels and the Wolfpack from N.C. State.

The fans have already shown up and set attendance records, like the mark of 5,581 set at the April 22, 2009 game against UNC-Chapel Hill. Now that the Pirates have a top-25 attendance mark, it is time for the rest of Pirate Nation to understand that baseball is a dominant sport.

That game, when the No. 24 Pirates shutout the No. 1 Tarheels, 4-0, was not just a season-opening game or some regular season conference bout against Southern Mississippi. This was two top-25 teams playing in Greenville in front of the largest crowd in Clark-LeClair stadium history. This was the Pirates putting on a show for their home crowd, who came to support the Purple and Gold.

To get a better feel for the numbers, Clark-LeClair stadium has only 3,000 bleacher seats, not including the outfield jungle area, which features standing room only.

Yes, football is America's sport now, but baseball is America's pastime. I get it. Football has the Boneyard, a typically all-Saturday schedule, and is a sport that almost every male has played to

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## Softball drops three in Orlando



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Chelsea Kaluhiokalani-Glackin (15) slides into second base against UTEP at the ECU Softball Stadium.

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ECU's hot offensive attack was cooled down this past weekend in a C-USA matchup at UCF. UCF took all three games (26-10, 6-3 C-USA) from the Pirates (15-20, 3-6 C-USA), marking the second time this season that ECU has been swept in a conference series.

The Pirates were riding a lot of momentum heading into the series with a five-game winning streak that included three wins over UTEP and two in a mid-week double header

with UNC-Wilmington.

The first game of the series appeared to be a defensive relapse by the Pirates as they reverted back to early season form, committing costly errors. UCF took the contest 8-2, but posted only three earned runs. The other runs came off three ECU errors. Sarah Christian took to the circle and provided six innings of work, while getting tagged for nine hits and eight runs (three earned). Jordan Lewis provided a glimmer of hope as she was two-for-four on the day. Jill Jelnick also continued her attack on C-USA opponents, reaching base twice, while scoring once and driving in a run.

Game two of the weekend brought out a dominant pitching performance from Mackenzie Audas of UCF. Audas threw a complete game shutout that yielded just four Pirate hits. Courtney Smith threw a very respectable game as well, but was outdueled by Audas. Smith went six innings, allowing five hits and two earned runs, as ECU dropped the game, 2-0. Between both teams, there were no players with a multi-hit game.

The final game of the series was taken by UCF 4-3, but was a very winnable game for the Pirates. ECU received



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Catcher Kai Clark (21) picked up her second multi-hit game against UCF over the weekend.

multi-hit games from Jelnick, Jasmine Robbins, Priscilla Velasquez and Kai Clark, who put up another three-hit performance. The Pirates left 12 runners on base, which proved costly in such a close game. On the weekend, ECU left 28 runners stranded after reaching base.

Last week proved to be a tough week for the Pirates going 2-3 in a jam-packed schedule. Obviously, there are no excuses to be handed out but traveling, and the big workload has to be taking a toll on the two young pitchers, Christian (12-11, 3.63 ERA) and Smith (3-9, 5.14 ERA). Recently, Velasquez has been thrown into the mix to provide some rest for the two starters. She has filled in admirably to this point, throwing two and one-third innings, giving up two hits and no runs.

Going forward, ECU will have to look to rebound fundamentally. Coach Tracey Kee has stressed the importance of fundamentals throughout the season, which includes making plays in the field and timely hitting. The Pirates got away from that mentality against UCF by making four errors and leaving 28 on base.

This upcoming week features another five-game week for the Pirates. On Wednesday, ECU will travel to N.C. State for a double header and will return home for a three-game series against UAB, which begins with a double header on Friday.

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that the Pirates are not? The Pirates ranked 22nd in Division I in 2011 in attendance. They averaged 2,926 in attendance at every home game. Currently, ECU ranks 19th in average national attendance and has the 23rd best total attendance with 48,029 tickets sold so far this season.

While the football team, though not so much recently, has shown flashes and

glimpses of the top 25, while the baseball team is ranked in or near the top 25 almost every week of the season. Consistently, the Pirates win and win convincingly. Over the 2010 season, the Pirates outscored their opponents by 123 runs at home and posted a 24-12 home record. Over the 2011 season, the Pirates outscored their opponents at an over-two to one clip and had a better

home record, with a 24-10 mark. This season, the Pirates are 14-3 at home and have outscored their opponents by 39 total runs. With a perennial top-25 team, a top-25 attendance record, and a team that wins often at home, the Pirates' baseball team is doing all it can to become the face of Pirate athletics.

Pirate Nation, instead of

complaining about being in a small conference, having a football team that is currently on a down-turn, or the fact that Pirate basketball has not been relevant in many years on a conference and national

level, just enjoys baseball. The weather is warming, the team is winning and it is time that students, alumni and fans focus their attention toward the one sport that is putting itself in place to be the flag-

ship sport of ECU. This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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despite the shortest outing in the brief career of Jharel Cotton. The Virgin Island native worked just two innings while giving up three runs on six hits. Even with the short outing from Cotton, the

Pirates found a way to win their 19th game of the season and move to 4-2 in Conference USA. The Pirates will return to non-conference play on today when they travel to UNC-Wilmington, before coming

home to begin a three-game series with Houston that begins Thursday night at Clark-LeClair Stadium. This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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