



BRIEFS

NCDOT to repair Stantonsburg Road

Staff Reports

Work will begin at 8 a.m. today to widen and resurface Stantonsburg Road between the U.S. 264 overpass and U.S. 264.

According to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, crews will be working from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays until the work is finished.

The department plans on having the work done by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 3.

Lane closures will be necessary and motorists are being advised to use caution when driving in the area.

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Pitt County early voting begins today

Staff Reports

One-Stop early voting begins today as early as 8 a.m. for some registration locations in Pitt County.

Participants will also be able to register at the same time as long as they meet regular requirements for voting.

Appropriate identification with current name and address information must be presented. Acceptable identification includes a North Carolina driver's license; a utility bill; a document from a local, state or U.S. government agency; a student I.D. along with a school document containing the student's name and address; a paycheck; paycheck stub; W-2 statement; or a bank statement or bank issued credit card statement.

Visit pittcounty.nc.gov/depts/elections/ and click the "One-Stop Information" tab to find a registration location and hours of operation.

Medical program will accept caller questions

Staff Reports

"Doctors on Call," an annual program that which is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Medical Society and the Pitt County Medical Society, will air next Wednesday, April 25.

The program will air on WITN-TV from 4-7 p.m. and will give viewers an opportunity to ask local physicians health-related questions.

The program will highlight numerous public health issues and will include interviews with participating specialists before taking questions.

Calls will be anonymous and hotline information will be available during the program.

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Students enjoy 2010's Barefoot on the Mall performance by headliner Jason Derulo. This year, New Boyz will headline the free outdoor concert for students.

'Bare It All, Go Barefoot' at Barefoot on the Mall

Maddie Laing
STAFF WRITER

The Student Activities Board will be holding the 33rd annual Barefoot on the Mall on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. Headlining the free event will be the New Boyz, a hip hop/rap group, who are well known for their hit songs, "The Jerk" and "Tie Me Down."

Openers for the event will be Thick as Thieves, a national-touring band, and The Ethnographers and Matt Phillips and the Philharmonics, both local bands who participated in the annual Battle of the Bands competition.

According to Jordan Millette, the special events chair for SAB, a student intern named Laura Lauffer had the idea for Barefoot on the Mall in 1979, and said she wanted the event to be in the spring and be something everyone could go to barefoot and relaxed. Lauffer also wanted the day to be filled with music, crafts and

refreshments.

"Generally, the format has remained the same throughout all the years we have done Barefoot, just time and performer changes," said Millette.

Students were able to pick their favorite three artists (out of the five offered) through an online poll, and the headliner was ultimately decided by SAB, with budget considerations in mind.

Turn to Lifestyles for the history of Barefoot on the Mall.

SAB will be providing inflatable obstacle courses and activities for students at the event. There will also be catered food, refreshments and the coveted Barefoot t-shirt will be given out. This year, the movie "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" will be shown on the mall following the New Boyz performance, who are expected to

perform at around 7 p.m.

Students were invited to submit a t-shirt design for this year's event and were told to use the theme, "Bare It All, Go Barefoot," to make the final product. According to Millette, a set amount of the Barefoot t-shirts will be given out every 45 minutes under the Copula. Once all of the shirts designated for that time are handed out, students must continue to wait in a line until the next round.

"I don't know how students get so excited about the t-shirts, but they will wait in line all day," said Millette.

Any student organization was able to register for a table at Barefoot, and this year, around 62 organizations are expected to be present. Students will be able to receive information about different

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ECU helps incoming athletes



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ECU Football will be one of 19 athletic groups that the Academic Success Committee aims to help graduate.

Cameron Gupton
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In Chancellor Steve Ballard's recent State of the University address, he discussed the possibility of a new athletic conference for the university, which merged the old Conference USA with the Mountain West Conference and what that might mean academically for student athletes.

According to Ballard, the potential conference would be stronger and more stable than the old C-USA, and allow the university to "concentrate on the academic success and graduation of our student athletes."

The university has over 400 student athletes and the academic success of each is important to its faculty, coaches, staff and academic support staff.

The Academic Success Committee is a key organization in helping student athletes succeed, which "focuses on what we must do to meet the academic obligations we have to all 450 student athletes who compete for the Purple and Gold," said Ballard.

An August 2011 report to the president of the UNC school system by the UNC Task Force on Athletics and Academics aimed to strengthen athletic programs and promote academic success among athletes.

The report stated that the committee is responsible for the "admission of student-athletes with special talents, housing issues and numerous other factors that affect the performance of the student athlete."

The committee is made up of vice chancellors

and athletic leaders within the university, and is responsible for cultivating academic success.

The report defines "academic success" as being a constant, meaning that all students should remain in school, select a major of interest and graduate with "demonstrated competencies" that will prepare the student-athlete for life after his or her involvement in athletics.

"A lot of student athletes just focus on the sport and get accepted with a scholarship and don't focus on school, so this helps them to realize why they're here," said Caroline Smith, a senior geology major.

The Academic Success Committee may be one of the main ways the university can promote academic success among athletes, but it is not the only measure being taken.

Athletic Student Development commits itself to the success and graduation of its athletes, according to its webpage.

It offers academic counseling, orientation and social activities, and encourages value development and leadership development.

Student athletes are also provided with a tutor and mentor programs through the Office of Student Development.

The program consists of study halls, individual and group tutoring, mentors and study skills workshops.

"It's a good thing," said junior Devon Reed. "Aca-

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Students to see few budget cuts

Jamie Harper
STAFF WRITER

Many strategies and options have been proposed to accommodate recent budget cuts but students will notice few effects on campus.

An estimated \$120 million decrease on total spending in the past four years has occurred. A tuition increase of \$410 for undergraduate in-state residents, \$1,645 for undergraduate out-of-state residents, \$452 for graduate in-state residents and \$1,489 for graduate out-of-state has been determined, stated Virginia Hardy, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Over the past two years, class sizes have increased by about five to six people per class which could potentially continue to increase, according to Dr. Marilyn Sheerer, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs.

One hundred and eighty sections of courses that were previously taught have been eliminated over the past four years. The Program Prioritization Committee, created by Chancellor Ballard, evaluates and will have recommendations for consolidation of programs and colleges as well as recommendations for elimination of programs. The committee has a two-part process that is followed. First, the committee will perform an evaluation process to prioritize programs and then a consolidation process for academic units in order to save faculty positions.

The preliminary suggestions have been made and the final suggestions will be completed by April 30. In the preliminary recommendations, some of the changes include all departments of the College of Fine Arts and Communication moving to the College of Arts and Humanities, all the departments of the College of Health and Human Performance moving to the College of

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What did you think of the ECU 'Savage U' episode? Turn to Lifestyles to hear what Hunter Ingram has to say about it! **A6**

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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.

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organizations, as well as get free stuff and participate in give-a-ways at the tables.

"This will be my second year going to Barefoot and I am really excited to go with all my friends," said Payge Taylor, a sophomore communication major.

Last year, the pop band Cartel was the headliner for the event, which was accompanied by rain and not-so-nice weather. "I was kind of disappointed that it was pouring down rain last year, but I still had a good time," said Eliza Barnes, a sophomore business major.

The event is held during the day so students can enjoy the nice spring weather, although some students may have conflicting classes or

other obligations. "I've never been able to go because I always have class," said Dylan Myers, a sophomore education major. "I wish they would start the event later."

"I didn't even know Barefoot was going on this week, they should have advertised it more," said Heather Chappell, a freshman nursing major. "I've never really heard of the bands performing, but I might check it out between classes."

"Barefoot is a great way to chill out after classes, take a load off before exams start and enjoy some live music. It's going to be a great day," said Millette.

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demics should come first so these measures are positive."

Reed said that she feels athletes should not have preferential treatment over non-athletes. "(Athletes) shouldn't get unfair advantages over other students," said Reed.

"Our goal moving for-

ward will be to ensure the academic success of every student athlete, to compete with integrity, and to achieve excellence in every one of our 19 sports," said Ballard.

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Allied Health Sciences and the College of Human Ecology dividing its departments and moving them into various different colleges.

"I'm a junior and I'm supposed to graduate next May, so I'd be worried if my requirements changed because it could make me graduate later than anticipated," said Briana Black, a junior psychology major.

According to Sheerer, any changes that occur regarding program requirements will not affect current students of the programs, only new students.

Kelly Godwin, a sophomore nutrition major, said, "I'm about half way through, so it could have an impact on my flow. That's scary."

The College of Nursing and the School of Dental Medicine are some of the areas that have no change recommended for the preliminary recommendations.

Additionally, increased availability of online classes, replacing some face-to-face classes, had been previously proposed by UNC-system officials.

"Personally, I've only taken one online class and I prefer face-to-face better because I learn better that way. I also think people are held more accountable for a face-to-face class. More online could be good in the summer, though," said Black.

Hardy also stated that increased online classes are still a possibility, but since many students prefer face-to-face classes, replacing face-to-face classes with online classes will only be done if necessary.

"Online classes could be beneficial to busy students who can't make a class-time commitment. But I think students benefit more from face-to-face and are more disciplined," said Godwin.

At this point, service facilities like Mendenhall, Joyner Library, the Student Health Center and the Recreation and Wellness Center, are not foreseen to have decreased open hours, but it is a possibility depending on students' needs, according to Hardy.

"I think on a college campus hours are important. Both early and late hours are important to some students. It

could have a big impact and upset students," said Godwin. Although there has been a decrease in admissions, there will be no decrease in programs and activities offered to freshmen. Begin-

ning fall 2012, all freshmen are required to live on campus in the residence halls, with few exceptions, according to Hardy.

"We are hoping to increase the amount of pro-

gramming and activities for our freshmen because we want to make sure that we are helping freshmen acclimate to college life and to campus life," said Hardy.

There will be an increase

in the number of living-learning communities, which work with academic programs, available for freshmen.


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Look, I'm graduating in 3 weeks. You're hot, I'm hot. Let's bang.

Bring a sweatshirt in Joyner — the heat is on. Don't bring a sweatshirt in Joyner — it's an icebox.

Can't help but to LOL at all the Christians who hate gays because of the Bible and God says so... ignorant pricks.

Doesn't anyone here use Reddit? Yeah it's obvious.

If I don't get a rant published before I leave for summer break, I'm rounding up the ECU Squirrels and planning an attack on TEC... the clock is ticking.

Do ECU students know that every time you eat at Chick-fil-A, you are donating to anti-gay groups? So much for "Vote Against Amendment One."

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To the ranter who bragged about how educated you are because you proofread your Pirate Rants: That was so priceless when you used the term "wanna." Lucky for you, Pirate Rants are anonymous because you made yourself sound sooooo f**ing dumb.

My boyfriend caught me checking out another girl's a**. I can't help it if I'm a true Pirate who can appreciate a good booty when I see one!

If I had a dollar for every pot-hole and train track I hit in Greenville, well I wouldn't be in college, or Greenville.

I don't mind if my suitemate plays music, emphasis on music, but your "beats" are horrible. You're not a producer, FYI.

When you want to retweet something really vulgar and funny, but you're afraid to...

Over/Under 50% of ECU is high in class on Friday?

Fifteen dollars to get into a spring game? What a joke.

Who needs MTV when you have real, live stupidity?

Roomie, if you leave your vibrator in the shower again, I'm going to dip it in jalapeno juice.

Bate's computer labs are as useful as ECU advisors.

I bet your mom loves turning on the TV and seeing you talking about your sex life...

True love waits.

I really loved seeing Twitter blow up with jokes about ECU ... embarrassing.

Not everyone parties, has sex and gets high ... some of us actually come to East Carolina to learn.

I don't know why everyone is making a big deal about the MTV show that is about sex questions. Hell, the Pirate Rants have been way more graphic.

"What's the opposite of a sausagefest? A Clambake?"

Gimme that Molly!!

So your number is 9. Did you mean 9x3? #SavageU

A lot goes down at ECU ... Including Molly #SavageU

'Let's do it for Leo'



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It was difficult to miss the bright pink cherry blossoms that dotted the landscape of the Minges parking lot a few weeks ago. Late February to middle March is when the Okame-variety trees burst into bloom.

To Van Brown, a 1969 and 1978 graduate of ECU, and a former member of the rowing crew, the pink cherry trees represent what he calls a "missed opportunity." He wrote a "Scribble to the Captain" in the March 20 edition of *The East Carolinian* about the colorful trees and I spoke with him to find out more information about them, and what he would prefer in their stead.

I quickly discovered that Brown is a walking encyclopedia of ECU history. In just a short amount of time of hearing him talk, I felt like I was actually witnessing the events, such as Janis Joplin's band gathering a month after her death and playing on the wall in Wright Plaza, or the many stories of former football coach Clarence Stasavich running the single-wing offense to perfection.

According to Brown, the person in charge of the grounds planted the pink trees in the Minges and Dowdy-Ficklen parking lots more than twenty years ago. The groundsman's favorite colors were pink and white, so he planted crepe myrtle trees that bloom from the middle of June through October. Brown has nothing against the current trees and made sure to reiterate that he is not here to criticize any person or the university itself, but wants to keep a promise he made to a friend more than twenty years ago. That friend was Leo Warren Jenkins.

Brown described Chancellor Jenkins as "a man of short stature, but a giant amongst men," who had a lenient approach to managing the school. Brown says that Jenkins "ruled not as a king, but as an equal to the students," and wanted them to call him "Leo" rather than "Dr. Jenkins." The students were treated as adults and were expected to live up to those responsibilities, for example, managing the student budget.

Chancellor Jenkins was at the forefront of several crucial battles in ECU's history. He fought the state legislature and the UNC system to keep the university's name East Carolina University and not UNC-Greenville. He also fought to make East Carolina Col-

lege a university, and again to build a medical school in a region that desperately needed one.

Leo Jenkins was not only passionate about ECU from an academic perspective, but he also had a passion for athletics. He once said, "If athletics is thought to be a worthy part of the university program, then it should be there with respect and dignity, and completely supported."

According to Brown, Leo helped fund his rowing crew and purchased a \$10,000 racing shell so the team could participate in the Dad Vail Regatta competition in Philadelphia. He said that Leo loved the pictures of ECU competing directly against regional and Ivy League schools, and he really wanted the picture in the newspaper and yearbook to depict East Carolina as an Ivy League team, both athletically and academically.

After Jenkins retired from the chancellorship in 1978, Brown still kept in contact with him. It was December 1988 that Brown would last speak with Jenkins as they ate together at Monk's in Greenville because Jenkins was fond of their cheeseburgers.

Brown had the notion that the foliage on the hill that adorned the new athletic complex should be Purple and Gold, and said that someday he was going to "paint the

landscape purple and gold" in Jenkins' honor. Leo simply chuckled in his usual way. "He just knew that he could pass on his legacy to the next generation. He could just tap someone on the shoulder and the dominos would fall," said Brown.

One thing that Leo had kept from Brown during this conversation was that he was in the latter stages of cancer. "He just looked so good. (But) he had lost a lot of weight," Brown said. A month later, on Jan. 14, 1989, Jenkins passed away.

Brown has spoken with several alumni about his Purple and Gold promise and said that many of them are open to contributing money to such a project. "I told them, Leo has done so much for us, Greenville and ECU, so let's do it for Leo," said Brown.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with the color selection, at least one thing is for certain: the plants, trees and shrubs that adorn the ECU campus are beautiful and will remain as captivating as ever. All one has to do is look on the faces of past, present and future Pirates as they set foot on campus to witness it.

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It ain't easy eating green



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The choices in the dining halls for vegetarians can get old after a while. Imagine staying up late doing homework and your stomach begins to growl, but the concept of contributing to the mass slaughter of innocent chickens just chokes you up inside.

The meal options for you, at least at West End dining hall, are not much: just a grilled cheese sandwich. This makes the vegans totally out of luck on this one. And while there are other options, these all require more money than an average meal costs. I mean it would make sense to at least make the veggie burger the same price as the cheeseburger.

We did get a lucky break with meatless Monday's though, but I think it misses the point. It would be better for more alternatives to meat to be available every day. Even UNC-Wilmington apparently has a display for vegan desserts.

Ever since coming to ECU, I've wanted to become vegetarian. There are various reasons as to why one would consider such a route. Some see the ethical side of things and others see the dietary side of things. When my interest was first piqued, it largely had to do with the health aspect. The ethical side normally shot over my head due to my disinterest in associating myself with PETA. It was finding the set of spiritual beliefs that was right for me that helped influence the ethical considerations

regarding the meat industry.

A major reason people stop eating vegetarian is due to a lack of variety in their food options. Those living off-campus are able to do this when shopping smartly because they can pick and choose what to eat at the grocery store. But for the students who live on campus, we just aren't offered much. Variety is called the spice of life, and it is certainly needed to spice up the interest in our food.

I put the vegetarian thing off constantly. I know that eating in such a way is a really healthy way of living, and that on such a diet I could eat less, drink more water and feel much better. It just makes you feel so much more full, especially if you pace yourself.

When Upton Sinclair wrote his novel "The Jungle," it was so controversial that it sparked Theodore Roosevelt himself to send an investigation team to the Chicago Stockyards. Needless to say, the thought of finding the beef you are eating is tubercular isn't exactly encouraging. And although he wrote about the economic issues regarding the working conditions of the meatpackers, he famously remarked, "He aimed at the heart, slipped, and by accident, hit the stomach."

Well, maybe we could all use a hit to the heart and stomach right about now. There are some major health considerations to think about when consuming

meat. There are also ethical issues regarding factory farms that are like warehouses of death. No one can force you to adopt a different diet; you have to commit to it.

We live in a nation that is known for its dominance of fast food and obesity. It would be nice to change this image into one that values the time that we eat more. Now, I understand some people just love their meat. That sizzling steak and the tender gobs of chicken we anxiously await to shove down our throats are just so tempting. Who cares about the calorie intake? Who cares about the animals slaughtered to tempt our gluttonous stomachs?

Anyone interested in learning more about switching to a vegetarian diet and talking with like-minded people should visit the Pitt County Vegan/Vegetarian Potluck, which meets at the Unitarian Universalist Church. You can check their website for more information.

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PIRATE RANTS CONT.

I knew Savage U was going to make us all look easy, but at least show the hot sluts.

So, why did MTV only interview the creeps on campus?

tation in which she opened up in front class: "F**k it, I'm over it." Seen by the entire class and professor. Yeah, we definitely got an A.

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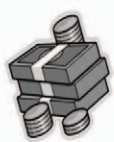


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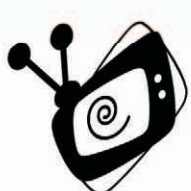


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Your people are all on your side again — any little fractures should have healed by now. One of them needs to give you some advice, though neither of you may recognize it as such until tomorrow or the next day.



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Try not to overreact today — though that might be easier said than done! Your emotions are closer to the edge than usual, and that could mean that you need to just remove yourself from the fray.



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You are learning something new today — maybe something important, maybe something small and silly, but definitely something fascinating! Your great mental energy makes it easy to absorb it all.



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You are more involved with people today in almost every way — so spread the love around! Your sweetie (or crush) deserves some attention, of course, but not all of it. Be as generous as you can.



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Watch your health today! Of course, that's great advice on most days, but your head is in the right space to make positive lifestyle adjustments today, so it's especially apt right now.



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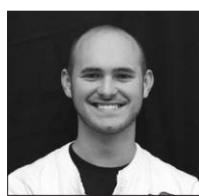
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A thick fog settles in, metaphorically speaking, and you may as well hole up where you are — there's no cutting through this one! The good news is it offers time for quiet reflection.



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COLUMNIST

ECU hit the MTV airwaves on Tuesday night as sex columnist Dan Savage's trip to campus finally aired after months of anticipation. Needless to say, the university community was holding its breath as the show began, waiting to see how MTV would portray our beloved Pirate Nation.

For some, including myself, the end result was somewhat of a disappointment, and a slap in the face to those of us who wish ECU was seen as more than "Easy U" in the nation's eyes, a name that isn't even associated with our supposed promiscuous nature, but our supposed past academic shortcomings.

Since its premiere, I have set aside my aversion to anything MTV to watch "Savage U," which has developed into an enjoyable and extremely informative show, wrapped in a socially acceptable sex-fest that appeals to the youthful masses. But with the feeling

that ECU's reputation hung on the thread of this episode, I found myself very anxious as the sex lives of my fellow students were sprawled across my TV screen.

When broken away from the trance of seeing such familiar places and faces on national television, one may have noticed there seemed to be a theme to the night: what to do other than have a relationship. While some, or even most, may choose the lifestyle of a sexual nomad, it is not the only character type at this school. Why this had to be the only point of view shown is unknown, but, unfortunately, it's apparently all that MTV thought was important.

Of the four one-on-one interviews, none seemed to resonate like some of the more-moving confessions in previous episodes, instead focusing on how to get your "friend with benefits" to give you oral sex, how to get your girlfriend to change up positions in the bedroom, and how to meet guys online so you can satisfy primal urges. I'm not saying any of these aren't legitimate issues, but did they really need to be the ones that stood front and center?

We did get the story of a guy who has been in a steady relationship with his girlfriend throughout

college, but had to deal with her immature mother's disapproval as a result of his unfaithfulness early on in the relationship. This story did have a few moments of devotion and dedication shine through, but it didn't quite help since it was still based around cheating.

Couple all that with students revealing their number of sexual partners and whether or not they classify ECU as a hookup school or not (hint: they do), and you get a very one-sided portrait of the diverse campus lifestyle that "Savage U" said they wanted to highlight.

Plus, a lot of time was focused on the fact that ECU has a higher ratio of women to men, which one student believes has led women to become "sluttier because they're in competition (with other women) for a guy." I'm sure we are not the only campus in America to have more women than men, and this certainly can't be seen as the sole reason that we play it so fast and loose with our sexual environment, which is also a pretty common trait among universities nationwide.

But in true Dan Savage fashion, our witty, yet very knowledgeable host did turn some of the situations into helpful and inspired advice. In response to one question raised in

the Q&A session about the difference between love and lust, Savage responded, "Lust brings the two people together and then there is a long vetting process; you love them more than for the way they look or the way their spit taste. Lust is the fertilizer, love is the flower." He also gave advice on how to radiate a positive acceptance of one's self, which he said will attract people who appreciate who you are. If there was a positive theme to the episode, it was to feel empowered in one's self and take control of one's situation, whatever it may be.

"Savage U" was a good idea in the beginning, one that I personally supported when it was supposed to be an accurate depiction of the school that we all take so much pride in. But after seeing our 30 minutes of fame, I'm left with nothing but feelings of a lost opportunity. ECU really is a good school and everyone who goes here, whether they participated in this show or not, knows that. It's just a shame that we won't get the chance to use "Savage U" as a way to show the rest of the country why we proudly call Pirate Nation our home.

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PR Pirates

Two alumni return to Greenville to share their success story

Mike Davis
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

From pocket change in 2005 to an estimated \$3 million revenue in 2012, ECU alumnus Jamie Lynn Sigler and Sarah Evans have helped build J Public Relations into one of the most successful hospitality and luxury lifestyle public relations agencies in the country.

But their success didn't come instantly. What started as a pinky promise made in downtown Greenville, the two fulfilled their promise and moved to San Diego, Calif., after graduation in 2001, finally entering the real world.

Though Evans had never taken a PR class, she transferred her knowledge from being secretary of the Student Government Association, an ECU ambassador, a member of Alpha Xi Delta, honors organizations and other leadership roles into her work. "I'm a people person, I'm enthusiastic, I'm relationship driven, and I knew that the media was something I was very interested in," Evans said.

On the other hand, Sigler, who had a USA Today subscription in the third grade, used trial and error to find her professional niche. Also as a member of AXiD and SGA, Sigler used her outgoing personality, along with the information gained through her classes and social life, to confidently enter the PR world.

Having moved west three days after 9/11 and into a tough job market, the two eventually landed on their feet and found jobs. While 50-hour workweeks were normal, Sigler and Evans spent their nights working second jobs to help pay the bills.

"I was still a waitress at Outback Steakhouse, and I remember Sarah and I being like, 'What are we going to do for the next week? We have \$2.14 put together,'" said Sigler. "But that is the thing about being entrepreneurs. You always figure it out. You have to rely on yourself and you have to work hard."

Despite financially tough times, the two gained valuable knowledge about the industry and enhancing their reputations, and have created lasting relationships. In 2004, Evans made another big move to New York City, a place she had never been. The following year, Sigler, along with her business partner Kim Guyader, went out



Alumni Jamie Sigler (left) and Sarah Evans (right) founded their successful public relations agency J Public Relations in 2005. The agency now has two offices in New York and San Diego.

on a limb and founded J Public Relations in San Diego. Four years later, Sigler contacted Evans about heading JPR on the East Coast.

Through the years, JPR has worked with a range of clients,

including Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, Willow Stream Spas, Jay-Z's 40/40 club and Westin Hotels, to name a few. But the level of success this bi-coastal company has reached didn't come without dedication, hard work and the ability to respond to adversity.

"We haven't gotten to where we are without failure," said Sigler. "We know that if we aren't failing every once in awhile, we aren't taking enough risks."

With great risks comes great rewards, and JPR has been reaping the benefits. Since 2005, JPR, which is a women-owned and women-run business, has received several awards, including being named a top-ten PR influencer on Twitter, having more than 13,000 followers. The San Diego Business Journal has also named JPR in the top 40 fastest-growing businesses in San Diego.

But with all the success they have received, Sigler and Evans remain humble and focused. "As an entrepreneur, I'm constantly striving to figure out how we are going to deliver a better product to our clients and how to become a more competitive agency," said Sigler. "If I ever felt I 'made it,' I would feel like I would have almost taken my eye off the ball."

And this Friday, Sigler and Evans will return to their old stomping grounds. The two will speak with students in Jenkins Auditorium from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday at a free event hosted by ECU's Public Relations Student Society of America.

The pair will also be the distinguished speakers for the School of Communications's sixth annual CommCrew event on Saturday. The spring reception is \$25 and will take place at the Greenville Museum of Art from 6-8 p.m.

Throughout the weekend's events, Sigler and Evans will speak about "Building the Brand of You," whether it be starting a company, getting a job or giving advice on setting the path for a successful future. They will also talk about the value of hard work, creating lasting relationships and reputations, and having a passion for whatever someone does.

"While we don't have to work two jobs anymore, we are still constantly evolving," said Evans. "We aren't working any less hard now than we were 10 years ago."

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Barefoot background

Revealing the history

Rex Rose
STAFF WRITER

Sunshine and stress, fresh air and finals, lazy days and last-minute studying — yes Pirates, it is the end of the semester. While the struggle between attending class and lounging poolside causes more confusion a semester's notes, today the decision is easy, come to campus and relax at Barefoot on the Mall.

In 1979, Laura Lauffer, a senior at Rose

before exams.”

Boyd worked alongside Lauffer to get the event organized and started, and only had nice things to say about her.

“She was very outgoing, always on the ball, and very pretty,” said Boyd. “If you had a daughter or son, you wanted them to be just like her.”

The end-of-the-year celebration that was thought up by Lauffer has grown from 200 people in 1979 to 8,000 people in 2008.

Services department. “We had from rock n roll, to country, to rap, to jazz and blues; and those were the four entities that we dealt with.”

In the early days, the event featured famous groups such as Chairman of the Board and Widespread Panic, and in 2001, the celebration was witness to a stellar performance by John Mayer. Two years later, another pop star, Jason Mraz, rocked the Barefoot stage.

“One of our goals was to get the acts before they made it big,” said Gray.

The student body has also been responsible for another major change in the organization of Barefoot.

“Around the late ‘90’s, the students brainstormed and basically said ‘What if we had local bands battle for the opening spot at Barefoot?’” said Gray.

In this way, the students managed to devote more money for bigger names, while at the same time, incorporating the artistry of local bands.



Barefoot on the Mall started in 1979 when a high school intern for the university came up with the idea. Though the event has changed some over the years, it has always featured well-known bands. CONTRIBUTED

High School, completed an internship at ECU with then program director Ken Hammond. As part of her internship, she thought up the event that would become Barefoot on the Mall. Lauffer intended for students to attend the event barefoot. Her original plan was to have a festival from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and feature four bands, refreshments, crafts and different booths. Thirty-three years and a few changes later, the event is now an annual tradition that will be held from 2-8 p.m. this year.

Kay Boyd, who was administrative assistant under Hammond and has worked at the university since Barefoot's inception, said that, “Laura came up with the idea and presented it to the student union program board, and I think she wanted it to be a relaxation day right

While it has grown in size, the festival atmosphere has remained constant in its features of unique activities for the students. In 1979, the event featured fencing demonstrations accompanied by karate experts; in 1986, the main event was a huge twister game made by combining many small mats; and in 2008, the event featured the more-modern activities of mechanical bull rides, rock-climbing, Velcro walls and the always-entertaining dunk tanks.

While the activities have changed from year to year, the event has always featured different genres of music and famous groups. “Back in the early ‘90’s, the philosophy was to get different genres,” said Stephen Gray, who was director of Student Activities for 12 years, and now works in the Disability Support

Gray was able to get these groups and performers by research and surveys that students who worked with the Student Activities Board had done. By their research, the students snagged up-and-comers, such as Mraz, at a much cheaper price than otherwise would have been possible.

Another contribution that the students who worked alongside Gray gave to Barefoot was a very unique and clever way of advertising.

“There was a tradition that the night before, they would paint their feet and would make foot prints leading from areas such as West End into the Mall, so people would wake up the next morning and see bare feet leading to the Mall,” said Gray.

From organizing to attending, college students have made the event what it is today, but the true brain behind the operation, Lauffer, was never able to enjoy college life.

In the summer before her freshman year at UNC-Chapel Hill, Lauffer suffered a severe brain injury from a head-on collision with a drunk driver, and never was able to attend college. While her brilliance may have been cut short in the world of academia, her innovative idea for this day of relaxation lives on. Be a part of the tradition, be calm for an afternoon, but most importantly, be barefoot on the Mall today.

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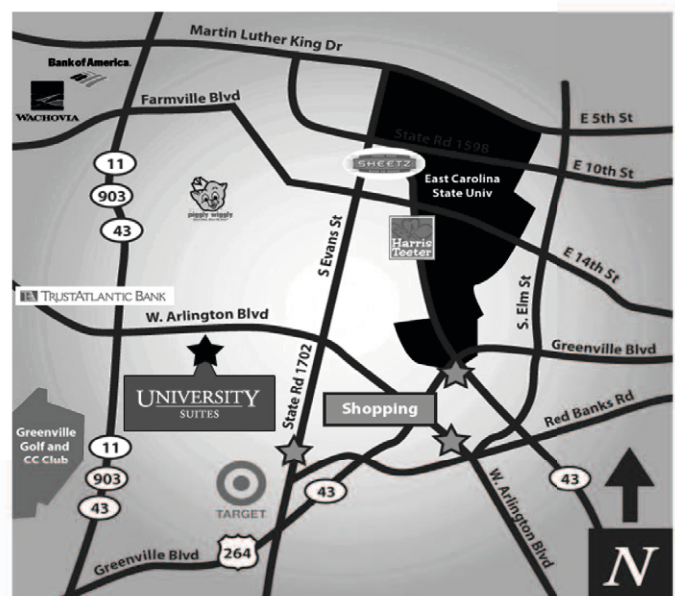


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Tanking epidemic hits pro sports



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Any NFL fan whose interest ranks anywhere above casual knows that Herm Edwards was and is one of the most quotable figures in the sport.

Few quotes have stood the test of time as well as his memorable 2002 rant when Edwards, then the coach of the New York Jets, hammered home a simple fact to reporters in a press conference: "You play to win the game."

It seems a simple phrase that most wouldn't question in sports. Isn't the point of being a part of a team sport to win? Isn't that the whole reason you take the field/court/etc.?

With the NBA regular season set to end one week from tonight, a subject that usually creeps up around this time of year has graced us with its presence once again.

That topic is "tanking," which is basically the idea of losing games on purpose.

Honestly, when it comes to my personal opinion on the subject of teams potentially trying to lose in order to improve their chances at a great draft pick, I must admit I'm a bit torn. But, overall, I think while you may or may not believe it's shady of teams to do, it's a smart idea.

This year, North Carolina's own Charlotte Bobcats are the centerpiece for the debate on tanking. With that said, you have to admit, it's kind of hard to know the difference of whether or not that team is actually trying to lose or just because it is that dreadfully bad, but I digress.

Before I get started, let me say that I don't think you can actually ask an athlete to go out on the floor and try not to win. After all, as an athlete (which I have never been, nor claim to have been) it has to be damn near impossible to go out there and willingly not try to do the best that you can to win.

But from a management standpoint, I absolutely see the draw of tanking. Once you know that you're bad (and the Bobcats should have known they were bad from day one), the temptation to pack it in and pile up the losses has to be immense, especially knowing that if you do end up with the No. 1 pick, you get a freakish athlete like Kentucky's Anthony Davis.

So what's to keep a team from shutting down its core guys and veterans, a la Charlotte with Corey Maggette late this season? You have the perfect veil of the whole, "using garbage time to get young guys more minutes," ploy, while padding your losses in hopes of adding to your chances to get the best pick.

It may be dirty, but it's smart, and as long as the system is the way it is, it's to be expected.

Of course, the purist in me says it's bogus. The idea that a coaching staff or a front office goes into games late in the year with anything on their minds other than doing whatever it takes to win, makes me feel a little cheated (not that I'm a die-hard Bobcats fan by any stretch, but they're the in-state team, so they have my bare-minimum fandom).

I usually get asked once or twice around this time of the year, or the end of the NFL season, what I think on the matter. First off, you can't compare the two, because, in the NFL, if you're the worst team, you get the first pick. Period.

The NBA's lottery system, however, throws a twist into the debate, because even if you win single-digit games in a season, which Charlotte is dangerously close to doing, you're still not even guaranteed the No. 1 pick — just the best chance at it.

At the end of the day, I see the draw of trying to tank for executives, even though it sucks that they make their fans have to sit and watch a team go through the motions to end a year.

But when you're dealing with a team as bad as the Bobcats are, or as bad as the Colts

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Softball sweeps

ECU tops Longwood in midweek doubleheader

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The scoring did not come often, but when it did, the Pirates were able to capitalize and outlast the Longwood Lancers, Wednesday night for a 5-0 win.

The Pirates threatened to score in the second inning when they had runners on second and third with only one out. Unfortunately for ECU, they would load the bases only to leave all three runners stranded.

The bottom of the third would prove another futile chance for the Pirates. With one out and a runner on third, Longwood was able to field themselves out of the jam.

"It's so frustrating. The hard part is getting them on and then not come through with the timely hit," said ECU coach Tracey Kee.

The hits finally started coming for the Pirates in the bottom of the sixth inning. Jordan Lewis led off with a single for the Pirates. It was her third hit of the evening, matching her career high and is her season high. After a sacrifice bunt moved Lewis to second, Rebecca Lee singled to left-center, giving ECU runners on the corners with one out. Jasmine Robbins advanced Lee to second and reached first on a fielding error.

Stepping up as the pinch hitter, Cicely Lopez swung at the first pitch she faced and made the swing count. She lined a single into rightfield, scoring both Lewis and Lee.

But the scoring would not stop there.

"We just kept hitting the ball hard. I finally got one in the gap," said Lewis. "I felt I saw the ball really well today."

The Pirates were back to having runners on the corners with only one out. Chelsea Kaluhiokalani-Glackin reentered as the base runner on first and stole second base.

Jill Jelnick struck out, leaving the Pirates with two outs. However, Kristi Oshiro followed her with a single up the middle that scored two runs. With the score now 4-0 Pirates, Alex Fieldhouse scored Oshiro with a double to right-center field.

The Pirates ended the sixth inning up 5-0 and never looked back in Game 1.

This was pitcher Courtney Smith's first time winning back-to-back starts for the Pirates and her first career shutout.

"Performance-wise, this is the best game I've thrown," said Smith. "It felt amazing."

Coach Kee praised her freshman pitcher for keeping the Pirates alive despite the lack of early offensive support.

"I thought Court did a fabulous job," said Kee. "She had great command and just pounded the strike zone."

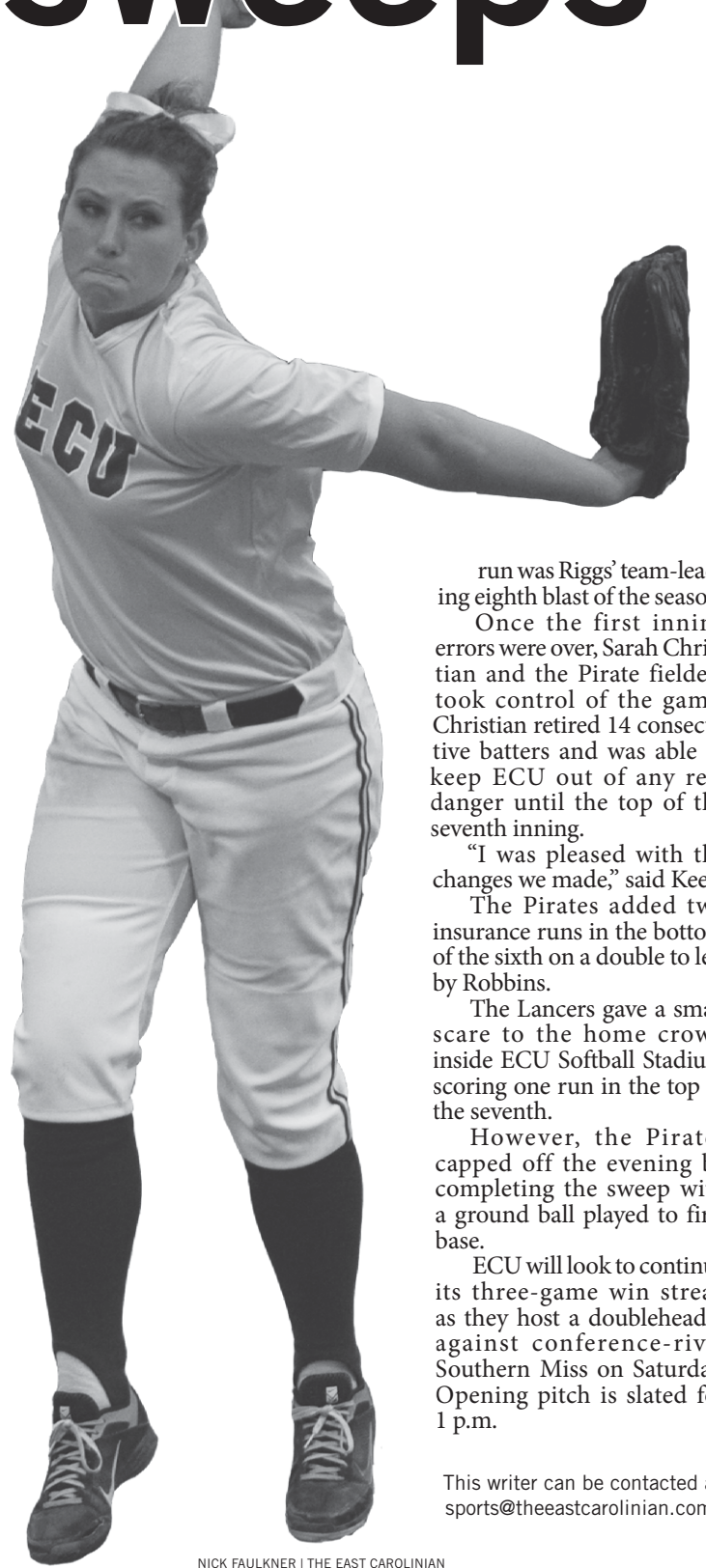
The Pirates appeared shaky to start the second game of the Pink and Purple Strikeout Cancer doubleheader. Registering three errors on three consecutive plays and giving up one run in the top of the first was certainly not how Coach Kee wanted her team to begin the game.

"I was not happy. We're better than that. For our kids, it's a matter of coming out focused," said Kee. "It shouldn't take that kind of wake-up call to get them to play to their capabilities."

However, the Pirates simply needed to get on offense to show they would do just fine.

First up for the Pirates was Jelnick who singled up the middle. Two batters later, Lewis registered her first career triple, scoring Jelnick. Just two pitches later, Lewis came home thanks to a home run over leftfield from

Suzanne Riggs. The home



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Courtney Smith (13) pitches against the Lancers.

run was Riggs' team-leading eighth blast of the season.

Once the first inning errors were over, Sarah Christian and the Pirate fielders took control of the game. Christian retired 14 consecutive batters and was able to keep ECU out of any real danger until the top of the seventh inning.

"I was pleased with the changes we made," said Kee.

The Pirates added two insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth on a double to left by Robbins.

The Lancers gave a small scare to the home crowd inside ECU Softball Stadium scoring one run in the top of the seventh.

However, the Pirates capped off the evening by completing the sweep with a ground ball played to first base.

ECU will look to continue its three-game win streak as they host a doubleheader against conference-rival Southern Miss on Saturday. Opening pitch is slated for 1 p.m.

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Pirates pull comeback

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Things didn't look too promising for the baseball team against William and Mary on Wednesday when Deshorn Lake allowed two runs while recording just two outs in the top of the first.

But thanks in large part to a dominant relief appearance by bullpen ace Andy Smithmyer ECU topped the Tribe with a 13-4 victory.

After spotting the Tribe the first two runs, the Pirates scored 12 unanswered over the next seven innings, while banging out 16 hits in all.

It was a stark difference from the Pirates' game Tuesday night, where they managed just five hits in a 10-1 loss to UNC-Wilmington. According to right fielder Jay Cannon, the upped productivity was thanks in large part to a change in pregame strategy.

"For pregame today, (Godwin) gave us a day off," Cannon said. "We didn't take any (batting practice) just to give some guys rest. We have a bunch of guys with injuries. Just to take a day off from swinging helped. We had a great stretch and I think it showed."

For Godwin, the message before the game was to stay in the moment and take pride in the opportunity the players have to wear the Purple and Gold.

"We have a big weekend coming up and we challenged them not to overlook anyone and come out and play with the energy and fire that I know they can," Godwin said. "This is what we are capable of doing. It's not an easy game, but if we come out here with energy and effort, and take some pride in putting this uniform on everyday, this could be a good club."

The Pirates took control of a close game in the sixth inning, scoring eight runs on six hits and two errors.

ECU started the eighth off quickly with back-to-back singles that put runners on first and second for Ben Fultz. Fultz laid down a beautiful squeeze bunt that plated Cannon and began the scoring. In all, 11 Pirates batted in the inning with Chase McDonald accounting for two RBIs in the stanza.

For the second consecutive night though, ECU struggled with the starting pitching unit.

One night after freshman Jeff Hoffman failed to get out of the fifth

inning, Lake, who was making just his second career start, lasted just two-thirds innings, giving up two runs on two hits before Smithmyer entered in relief.

"Coach Roszel told me before the game started that if we ran into trouble in the first inning, like we did, I had a chance to go in," Smithmyer said. "This was a big game for us; we needed to bounce back.

I came in and treated it as a start."

Smithmyer carried the Pirates through the next few innings, keeping ECU within one until the game was tied thanks in large part to a mistake on the William and Mary defense.

With a runner on second in the

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Drew Reynolds (7) and Joshua Lovick (34) celebrate the 13-4 victory.

Young ace rises in pitching ranks

Josh Graham
STAFF WRITER

When entering college as a freshman, it can be a difficult transition moving from your home of 18 years, to a life on your own at a major university. This is even more the case when talking about student-athletes, who try to find a balance between sports, schoolwork and social life. ECU freshman pitcher Jeff Hoffman has not just done this, but has made an enormous impact for the Diamond Bucs this season.

"It's tough. It's a lot different than high school," said Hoffman, who is from Latham, NY, who noted that playing so far from home was hard, especially early in the year.

Even though it was a challenge, he was clearly up to the task.

On Monday, Hoffman was awarded Conference USA's Pitcher of the Week honors following his performance April 10 at Elon, in which he threw eight shutout innings and fanned ten Phoenix batters.

"I don't really try to pay too much attendance to it. It's an honor, especially being a freshman, but I am not out here for me. I'm out here to try and win baseball games for the Pirates," Hoffman said when speaking about receiving conference recognition.

On the season, Hoffman (1-1) recorded a 2.38 ERA in just over 40 innings of work. Before giving up a home run in the second inning of a 10-1 loss to UNC-Wilmington Tuesday night, Hoffman was currently on a streak of 20 and two-thirds scoreless innings.

Hoffman's career for the Pirates began on a big stage when making his debut against then No.11-ranked N.C. State, in front of a season-high attendance of 4,714 at Clark-LeClair Stadium. He struggled early, but settled in and ended up tossing a solid five innings in what eventually was a Pirate victory.

Eight days later, he found himself on the mound again against N.C. State and went six and two-thirds innings in an extra-innings loss in Raleigh. Hoffman earned his first win on April 3 at UNC-Wilmington, throwing six scoreless innings while striking out seven Seahawk batters.

Before he got his first start, the Pirates struggled to find quality mid-week pitching. In the three mid-week games prior to Hoffman's first start against N.C. State, ECU gave

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up a combined thirty runs. In the next three mid-week games that Hoffman started, the Pirates only gave up a combined eight runs.

Hoffman was a five-year letterman at Shaker High School in Latham, and during his senior year, was named first team all-state and led the school to its first New York state championship by pitching a complete game shutout. While being a superstar on the diamond, Hoffman also was a very talented basketball player, averaging 11 points and six rebounds throughout his high school career.

What separates good teams from the great teams at the collegiate level is the depth of their starting rotation. Beyond having the slated three weekend starters, a good team has somebody that can be relied on in the mid-week contests.

That is what the Pirates have in Jeff Hoffman.

It is clear that head coach Billy Godwin feels pretty set on his weekend rotation with Kevin Brandt, Tyler Joyner, and Jharel Cotton. That being said, if any of the three were to struggle mightily or sustain an injury, Godwin has

to feel comfortable having somebody like Hoffman at his disposal, who has already had success in big-time games this season.

Another one of those big-time games is coming up next Wednesday, when the Pirates face No. 6-ranked UNC-Chapel Hill. Despite his most recent setback, it is likely that Hoffman will get the start for that game.

Jeff is 19 years old and is an intended physical education major.

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were last NFL season, odds are, fans won't be able to tell the difference, and the chance of it paying off with

a franchise-changing player to build around is too much to pass up.

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bottom of the fifth and trailing 2-1, third baseman Corey Thompson hit a slow roller to third, where Tribe third baseman Ryan Lindemuth fired a wide throw to first and into his own dugout, allowing Sam King to score knotting the score at two.

With the victory, the Pirates head into a pivotal road series against traditional Conference USA power Rice with some momentum.

Rice, who has had a strangle hold on the conference title for years, boasts one of the best starting rotations in the country in Matthew Reckling, Andrew Benak and Austin Kubitza.

While a victory over William and Mary may not seem like a game changer, any kind of momentum is important

going into a series with a conference heavyweight.

"Last night really put us down," Cannon said. "Going into this weekend with Rice, we needed a win and some momentum cause we are going to see the best arms we've seen all season this weekend, so tonight was huge."

The Pirates will travel to Houston, Texas for a three-game weekend series with first pitch scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

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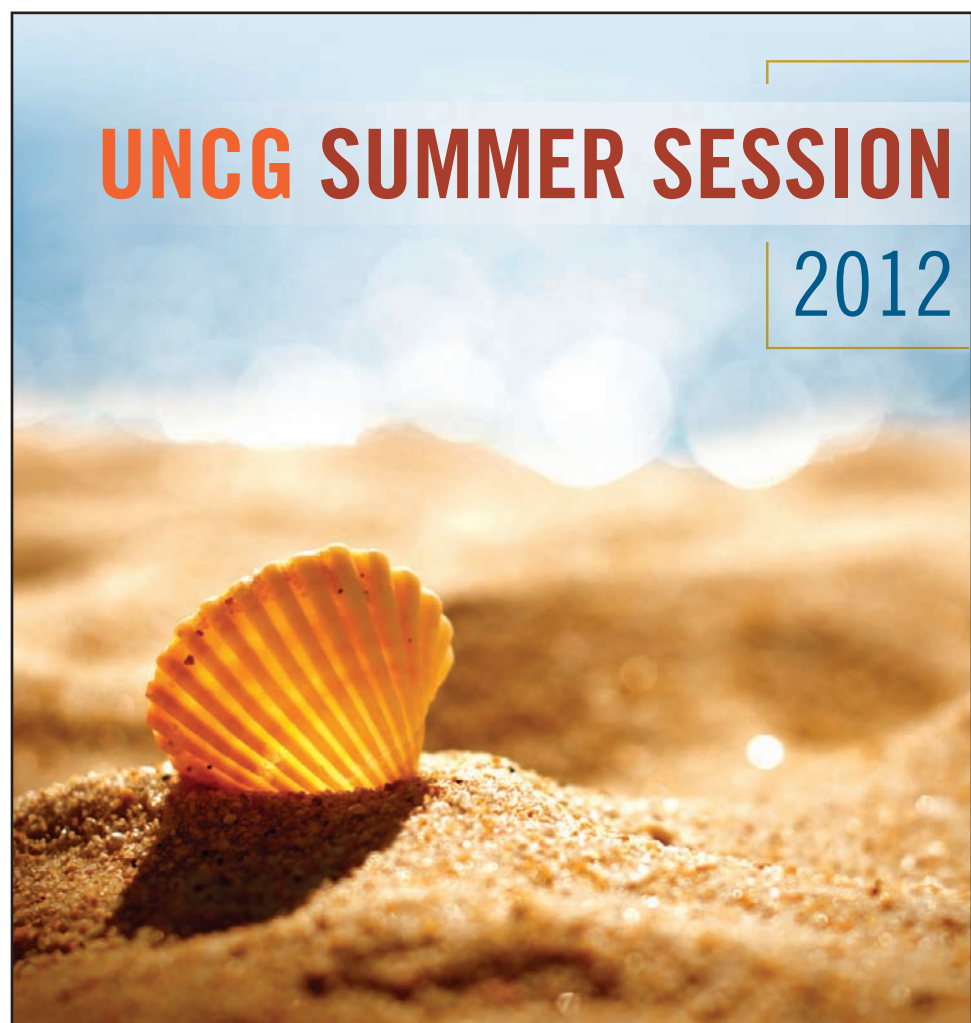
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