



BRIEFS

University to host hurricane workshop

Staff Reports

Bill Read, the director of the National Hurricane Center, will today be keynoting the third annual North Carolina Hurricane Workshop at ECU.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Murphy Center.

The workshop will focus on communication and emergency management, featuring explorations of the topic through interactive sessions with expert panels in social media and emergency communications, communications with maps and graphics, news media interactions with the emergency management community and lessons learned from Hurricane Irene.

Displays of research project results by university researchers in natural and coastal hazards and sustainable tourism will also be featured.

The workshop is hosted by North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, ECU's Center for Natural Hazards Research, the Renaissance Computing Institute's Engagement Center at ECU and is co-sponsored by North Carolina Sea Grant.

Pitt County man sets record for holding breath

Staff Reports

A Greenville man set a record for holding his breath at a freediving competition in the Cayman Islands recently.

Steve Benson held his breath for seven minutes and 43 seconds, setting a men's U.S. record in static apnea, reported The Daily Reflector.

Static Apnea challenges divers to float facedown in water as long as possible under the supervision of safety divers and official judges.

Benson broke the static apnea record of seven minutes and 39 seconds.

Benson is a physician's assistant at Eastern Urological Associates and is one of several athletes who broke records at the event.

NCDOT begins replacing bridge west of Greenville

Staff Reports

The North Carolina Department of Transportation began replacing a bridge on Stantonburg Road over Old Woman Branch just west of Greenville on Monday.

Those traveling east on Stantonburg Road will follow a detour from Wesley Church Road to N.C. 121 to Kittrell Hill Road before returning to Stantonburg. Westbound traffic will follow the same route in reverse.

Work on the bridge is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 29.

For more information, call 511, visit ncdot.gov/ or follow NCDOT on Twitter.

Geologist does not agree with gas estimate

Staff Reports

Though there have been many recent reports of a potential 40-year supply of natural gas under North Carolina, some geologists are skeptical.

Kenneth Taylor, a state geologist, said the estimate is unlikely to be accurate, according to the News & Observer.

Geologists do believe, however, that there is natural gas concentrated around Lee, Moore and Chatham counties, but actual amounts will not be known until drilling has begun.

Earlier this week, Gov. Beverly Perdue signed an order to establish a task force to develop drilling regulations.

University wins award for community service

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STAFF WRITER

On May 17, East Carolina University was one of four universities in the nation to be awarded the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Award.

It was announced by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities that East Carolina University was selected as the South Region winner. Beneficiaries of the award are chosen from four regions: West, North Central, South, and the 1890 university community.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Award honors the university's work with the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center, which is located in West Greenville. The award, which is supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, recognizes four-year universities that are deeply engaged with their respective communities.

"We are really proud to be recognized for this vital partnership built on the strengths of this cultural

rich community using an inter-generation approach," said Kerry Littlewood, executive director of the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center and ECU assistant professor of social work.

Initially, ECU became involved with the Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center in 2007. This involvement was the result of a partnership between ECU, the city of Greenville, Pitt Community College, and various

pendence amongst residents of West Greenville and Pitt County.

It was in September 2006, after a number of discussions, that the Greenville City Council voted to purchase the 3-acre St. Gabriel's site. This land was purchased for the particular purpose of establishing an intergenerational center.

The founding executive director of the center was Lessie L. Bass. He was a professor of social work, worked closely with the dean in order to coordinate and move along discussions regarding the establishment of a community center.

In her own words, Bass said, she used her skills as a social worker and community organizer, to "move along" the college's faculty, West Greenville residents, city and county leaders, other ECU and Pitt Community College faculty and administrators to design and implement the proposed center.

The Lucille W. Gorham Intergenerational Community Center

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other partners within the community.

The mission of the center, as provided on its website, is "identifying and addressing the health and wellness needs of the community through innovative programs designed for all individuals across the life course." One of the main purposes of the center is to promote a sense of self-sufficiency and inde-

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Recently, the university won the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement award for its work with the community center.

Recent Pirate alumnus vies for political office

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STAFF WRITER

D. Cole Phelps, a 2009 graduate of ECU, is slated to become the third-youngest elected official in North Carolina in December 2012, following a big victory in the May 8 primary.

Phelps is running for county commissioner in his native Washington County. He is 23-years-old and holds a bachelor's from ECU in family and community services with a minor in political science. He is currently pursuing a law degree at North Carolina Central University School of Law, where he just completed his second year.

Phelps said campaigning for office while in law school was at times difficult. Washington County is 2.5 hours away from N.C. Central's campus in Durham. He would leave campus to campaign back home every Thursday and head back to Durham on Mondays to start the school week.

"It was challenging, but I realized I was investing in the future of my community, and there is nothing more rewarding than that," Phelps said.

Phelps' hard work and commitment paid off. In an 894-vote primary for the Democratic nomination for

Washington County Commissioner, Phelps received 558 votes, equating to 62.42 percent, to challenger Mike Martin's 336 votes, 37.58 percent. Phelps still has to win on the November general election ballot, but he's confident in his chances — he has no Republican challenger, and therefore he will be the only candidate on the ballot for commissioner.

One of Phelps' biggest supporters is Lee Storrow, who is currently North Carolina's youngest elected official. Storrow, 22, graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in May 2011, and just months later in November he won election to Chapel Hill Town Council.

Storrow considers himself an advocate for young candidates in North Carolina. He co-manages a political action committee called the Grassroots Farm Team with his former campaign manager, fellow UNC alumnus Evan Degnan. The Grassroots Farm Team supports candidates ages 18-40 who are running for state and local political office in North Carolina. Phelps was one of three Grassroots Farm Team endorsed candidates for the 2012 primary election cycle. Phelps is also the youngest endorsed candidate.

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Mitchelson to become interim vice chancellor

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STAFF WRITER

Ron Mitchelson has been named interim vice chancellor for research and graduate studies at the university, effective June 1.

A professor in the Department of Geography and senior research fellow, Mitchelson said he is ready to take on the position and has received much support in the transition.

"I'm a wee bit scared, but I am excited," said Mitchelson. "I believe that I'm on the earth to help people, and I really feel that this position will permit me to do that. And I think I can feel very good about that."

Mitchelson has been at the university since 1999. According to ECU News, he has chaired the Department of Geography and served as interim chair of the Department of English. Chancellor Steve Ballard appointed him to chair of the Program Prioritization Committee in 2011. The committee was responsible for evaluating programs across campus and making suggested changes to restructure the university during the time of financial cuts.

According to his information on the university's website, Mitchelson received his bachelor's degree in geography in 1975 from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He graduated in 1979 from Ohio State University, where he earned his master's and doctorate degrees in geography.

Michelson's new position will require him to be responsible for sponsored research, graduate education, technology transfer and research compliance, reports ECU News.

"There's a bunch of what I call 'research infrastructure' to oversee and to make sure that it's running efficiently and effectively," said Mitchelson.

"In general, I view my job as helping faculty and students do really good research. That's important. And to assist the region in economic development. That's how I look at it," he said.

Mitchelson said a focus of the unit on campus is to engage with the region and "to assist the region in a lot of different ways."

"Most of the work is helpful," said Mitchelson. "We serve people, and that's the kind of attitude I want the division to have."

Although he will no longer be formally teaching, Mitchelson said he will still be interacting with students.

"I'm on student committees," he said. "I'll see students through the Office of Undergraduate Student Research and interact with students because of the graduate school."

Senior biology major Amanda Cornelsen will be working on research this summer through the Institute for Coastal Science and Policy. She said it is exciting to have someone like Mitchelson head the research department, especially since he shares the same passion for research and helping others.

"ECU is a huge school. We have a lot of publications that go out into scientific journals," said Cornelsen. "So it's important to have this information from research that can ben-



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Mitchelson, interim vice chancellor.

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offers a plethora of services and programs that are created to better and improve the community. For instance, Shawan Sutton is program director of the Y.E.S. program.

The Y.E.S. program stands for youth excelling for success. This program is available for students from grades three through five and it is an academic program, which encompasses the teaching of subjects such as math, English, and science.

The Gorham Center also provides a youth apprenticeship program, which teaches children basic education and wellness skills. This program is the result of a partnership with local businesses and community youth.

Furthermore, the center

also has a youth gardening group, which teaches local youth about gardening. The children learn about the basics of gardening, maintain a log, and grow produce. Moreover, local residents can come by and pick up the fresh produce for free.

There are also workshops on finance, fundraisers for the community, compensatory education classes for special needs adults, culinary classes, health fairs monitored by Brody School of Medicine, GED Services, continuing education services, and after school programs offered by the Gorham Center. In addition, there is a 45-block revitalization program, which aims to rebuild West Greenville by renovating parks and houses.

In addition to the various aforementioned services, there is also a senior quilting club run by program President, Ruby Taylor. The members make quilts for families, hospitals, and the homeless.

When in the presence of Sutton, program director of Y.E.S., and Ruby Taylor, president of the senior Quilting Program, it is clear to see that these are two women who have a profound care for the community. According to Taylor, "The Gorham Center is one of the best centers in West Greenville." Sutton adds, "The key thing is it's free."

One of the founders of the center is Deborah Moody and she is also the director of programs. As a result, she oversees the programs at the

center. Furthermore, every month there is an advisory board meeting held which discusses the needs of the West Greenville community.

East Carolina University will receive \$6,000 for the South region award. Also, ECU will be among four finalists competing for the C. Peter Magrath University Community Engagement Award.

The Intergenerational Community Center has the Community at the center of affairs both literally and figuratively. One of the key mantras of the Center is that, "in order to make a change, you have to have the whole community involved."

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efit the community."

Mitchelson said the research conducted at the university sets it apart from other schools.

"We're growing the importance of research for students and for faculty members," said Mitchelson. "I think it helps our region. Research is important to our region."

Mitchelson said he has a lot to learn now, but he hopes to get back to his teaching roots.

"I love to teach, so I will still be doing some teaching, just not necessarily in a formal classroom," he said.

"I'll miss the formal teaching part. And maybe I'll get back to it. Maybe I can make room for it. I don't see it happening in the first year; I have too much to learn. I think my job now is to learn as much as I can."

Mitchelson also gave credit to the woman whose shoes he will fill.

"We've had a great vice chancellor, Vice Chancellor Mageean, and I would like to thank her for her service," he said.

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Phelps, a 2009 graduate of ECU, is running for county commissioner of Washington County.

Storrow said the Farm Team quickly recognized Phelps' energy and enthusiasm as a young candidate and were "excited about Cole's election because he has strong connections to the Washington County community."

Storrow said he also thinks it is important that local elected officials reflect all people in the community they plan to represent. Young candidates like Phelps, Storrow said, many times provide "energy and long-range vision that other candidates don't always bring to the table."

"Cole will be a champion for all people in Washington County as a county commissioner," Storrow said.

Storrow is just one of many elected officials and politicians who are supporting Phelps' candidacy. Don Davis is a former North Carolina state senator from Eastern North Carolina who will once again be returning to the state senate in January 2013. Davis serves as chair of the First Congressional District Democratic Party, where Phelps serves alongside him as third vice chair.

Davis, who has known Phelps for about five years through grassroots work in the Democratic Party, said

Phelps is a "a person who is committed to service" and will "just roll up his sleeves and go to work."

Though Phelps is running for office in Washington County rather than Pitt, his recent work in the Democratic Party on the congressional-district level has kept him connected not only to the Greenville and Pitt County communities, but most of the eastern part of the state. The First Congressional District encompasses part of Pitt County, Washington County and 21 other counties throughout Eastern North Carolina. Congressional district colleague Davis said this commissioner's race is a great start for Phelps. Davis calls Phelps a "rising star" in politics and said he has a big future in public service.

Fellow Pirate alumnus Chris Rey, 34, is a young elected official who was elected mayor of Spring Lake in November 2011. As an ECU student, Rey served in ECU's Student Government Association as chairman of the appropriations committee. Phelps served as attorney general for the ECU SGA during the 2008-2009 school year. Rey said Phelps will find his SGA background invaluable as he enters life as an elected official.

Rey's own experience allowed him to learn how to work with people from other cultures and diverse backgrounds. Also of note, Rey said the "student government experience teaches you how to build relationships."

In addition to his SGA background, Rey said that Phelps' youth "brings the perspective of the next generation" to local government in our state. This perspective, Rey said, will be vital when crafting programs for the community that will be suitable for all demographics of the local population. "You always have to be forward-looking" Rey said, or else government will become stagnant.

Phelps sees this stagnation that Rey warns of in his own local government. "Our community can do better than what we're doing," Phelps said. "We need new ideas and new leadership."

Phelps agrees that his ECU SGA experience "enhanced [his] leadership skills."

He is looking forward to using the leadership skills he learned as a Pirate to better his county in the coming years.

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Student transit prepares for updates

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In the fall, ECU Student Transit will be updating its schedules and the services it offers to students.

According to Wood Davidson, the ECUSTA director, the transit will be adding new routes, employing a new GPS tracking system and making use of two new buses in the 2012 - 2013 school year.

New transit routes will start this fall in the evenings, increasing the number of evening routes from three to four.

"What we call the night drop-off starts at 6:30 p.m.

and runs through 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday," said Davidson. "In the fall, they will basically be two way routes so you will be able to come to campus."

Those who live off-campus and are covered by a daytime route will have one of these night time drop-off routes.

Davidson cited the growth of campus programs, student study groups and off-campus jobs as reasons for the addition of the new routes.

"We've really seen, as ECU has offered additional programs and services, there really is a draw to come back (to campus) for more than just class," Davidson said.

Such programs and needs that prompted the change include the Pirate Tutoring Center which will be housed in the Old Cafeteria Complex in the fall, student study groups in Joyner Library, and students who wish to travel to campus at night after working off-campus during the day.

"We're trying to meet those needs," said Davidson.

Not only will new routes be added, but also a GPS tracking system will be tested this summer in preparation for usage in the fall.

The tracking system will allow students to track bus locations as they wait at bus stops and access a predicted arrival time via a call in fea-

ture, computer, or smartphone application.

According to Davidson, Beta testing of the system will more than likely begin during the second summer school session.

"We're trying to work out all of the bugs during the summer," said Davidson. "We started the program late last year and we carried it over until now."

There has already been much testing in house, but Davidson said the next step is sharing the program with the public.

"Having this information makes riding the bus much easier," said Davidson. "We'll

be able to push information to more people."

Transit also introduced two new buses into service in January, which they will continue to utilize in the fall.

Davidson hopes to generate some additional ridership next year with the new routes and updates.

From July 1, 2011 to the end of Spring 2012, 2.2 million riders used ECUSTA, which is equivalent to the amount of riders from previous years.

By the end of the second summer school session, Davidson estimates that transit will have serviced 2.4 million riders.

ECUSTA has also proven itself top notch with its recent win in the first annual Intercollegiate Bus Rodeo in Charlottesville, Virginia.

ECU sent 30 drivers to compete against the University of Virginia and the University of Maryland to distinguish which school had the best drivers. ECU won first place in the competition.

For more information on ECUSTA and schedules, Davidson suggests visiting the department's website ecu.edu/transit.

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I wish being fat was still a sign of wealth, and not just bad health and laziness.

Hey, Molly. If your boyfriend won't, I will.

Ah, the 710 Minges summer bus. Somehow you are even slower than the 610 spring one.

If you feel the need (and are capable) to brag about your alcohol consumption...you're doing something wrong.

Idk if it's a compliment or not when I show up to pre-game and people go, "Ohh s**t we're getting drunk tonight."

I saw the Facebook group "Kids vs Cancer." Turns out writing, "My money is on cancer," is one way to get a lot of hate mail.

I think this girl just spotted me pulling out my GameBoy. Yeah, that's right girl, Pokemon Silver alllllllll the way.

That awesome moment when you pay for something with a \$100 bill and feel like you robbed the store.

How low you cut the side of your shirt is directly correlated to how much I am judging you.

Anybody else waiting for the old generation to die so we can legalize file sharing, marijuana, gay marriage and get on with our lives?

In all seriousness, there needs to be a Pirate Rant app.

When the grass on the Mall gets tall, the squirrels look like ninjas on a mission

Our generation will be the weirdest grandparents.

Like medicine, people should come with warning labels ... May cause drowsiness and persistent headaches.

I think we should see other people until I'm absolutely sure I can't do any better than you.

We really do have some beautiful women at this university.

I'm on a ranting rampage. ARGGGGGGGHHHHH!

You wait three hours to text me back, I wait three months to pleasure you orally. Karma...

Y.A.N.K.E.E. — Young. Arrogant. Northern. Know-It-All. Extravagant. And most of all, Egotistical.

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

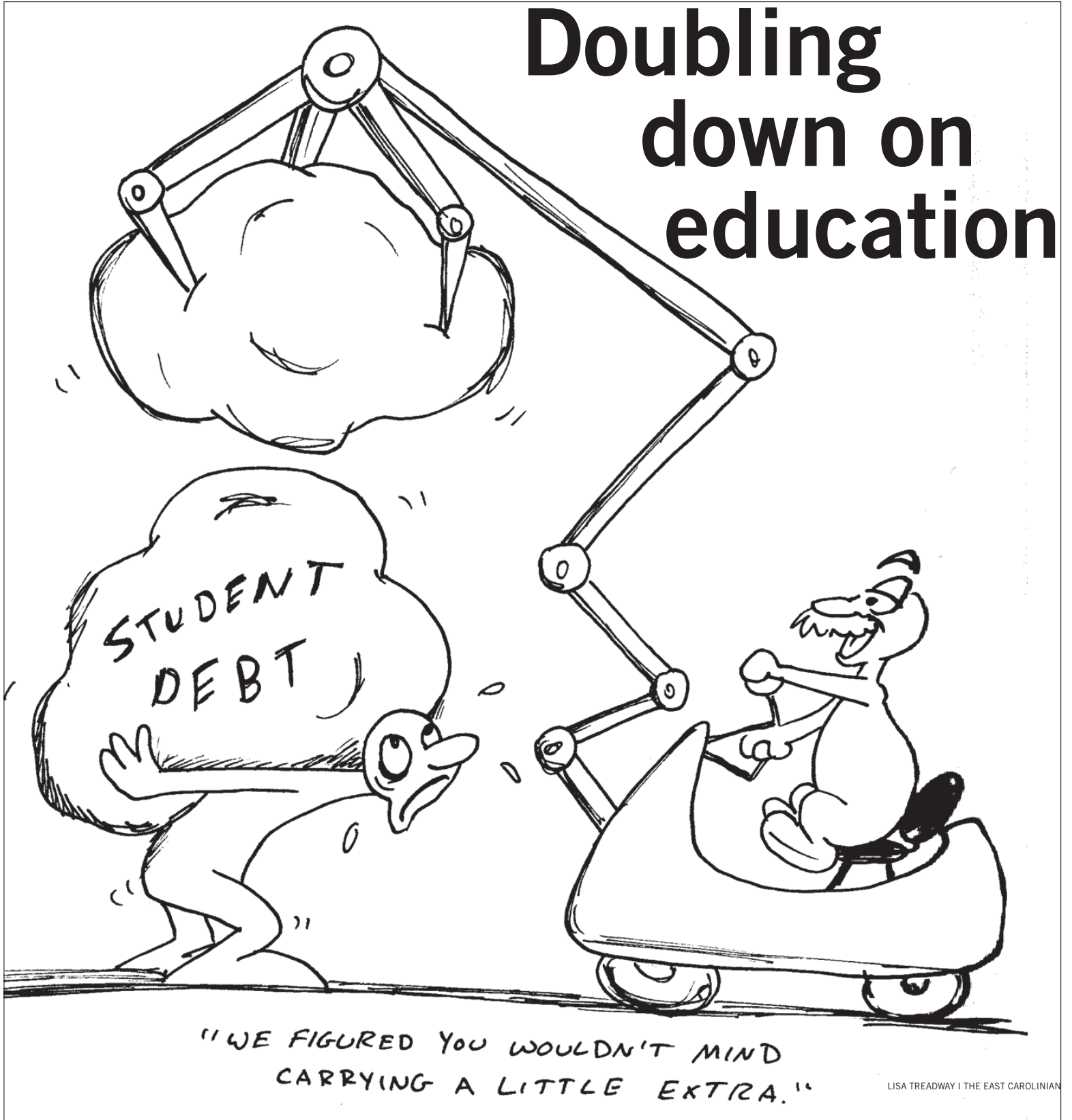
A lot goes down at ECU ... Including Molly

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.

Well let me just quote the late-great Colonel Sanders, who said, 'I'm too drunk to taste this chicken.'

Y.A.N.K.E.E. — Young. Advantageous. Northern. Kind. Experienced. And most of all EDUCATED.

There is no greater cause for celebration than the text that says 'Just got my period.'



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It's hard not to admire the debt-free gospel of Dave Ramsey. The televangelist-cum-financial advisor preaches a message that goes curiously unheard in our credit-driven society: that debt poisons our finances and compromises our future. And while his solution is extreme -- to cut up your credit cards and never, never accept a loan for house, car, or anything under the sun -- he is right, that far too many Americans are deep in the red, struggling to overcome debts that are insurmountable.

But as much as I would like to take Ramsey's advice, there is one debt that seems unavoidable: the student loans that afford a college education. With rare exceptions, the jobs available to those without a college education are dead-end, menial, and scarcely even pay enough to live by. One can hardly hope to achieve financial security with one of these jobs, much less afford a house and retirement. Thus student loans are the necessary precursor to debt-free living.

While some are lucky enough to have parents that can afford to send them to college, those are becoming fewer and fewer. College tuition has skyrocketed over the last few decades while salaries have stagnated, and parents nowadays cannot afford to pay their children's way. The result is that 17-year-old kids are signing up for loans that may amount upwards of \$20,000 by the time they get their degree. And god forbid you go to graduate school or law school! That can push the amount into six figures.

All of which is fine, as long as you can land one of those higher paying jobs that allows you to pay it down. But as recent graduates are discovering, that is not always possible. In the current recession, jobs are hard to come by, and half the time you must consider

either interning (in other words, work a few years without pay) or you must go to graduate school in order to make yourself competitive -- which means going deeper into debt.

The size of these debts are staggering. A friend of mine recently took the post-graduation online program offered by ECU. Having achieved a BA and graduate degree from ECU, he now faces a 50-thousand-plus debt. The program computed that, if he wanted to have his loans paid off within 10 years, he should look for a job whose starting pay was \$45 an hour. Good luck! Nor is my friend alone. Nationally, student-loan debts have grown to over a trillion dollars. That's trillion with a T. That's more than what the nation owes in car loans or house loans.

Let's face it: a lot of folks won't be able to pay. And of the ones that can, many will have to make hard decisions, like delaying marriage, foregoing homes, choosing not to have children -- or having to move back in with mom and dad. This is where student-loans become an issue that compromises the future of our nation: when people can no longer create families and have children, it affects the welfare of the country at large.

Normally, when a debtor simply cannot pay, he may declare bankruptcy, which is the legal acknowledgement that a debt is no longer tenable. It allows the debt to be re-structured with, say, lower interest payments, and it allows for some of the debt to be forgiven outright. Hell, go gamble your fortune away in Vegas, and you will still be able to pull your pockets out at the end of the day and cry bankruptcy.

Not so with student loans. Currently, student loans are not covered by bankruptcy law, which means the government can garnish your wages, social security checks and tax refunds in order to pay off college loans, all without even taking you to court. And, if the Tar River floods and destroys everything you own, don't expect a disaster payment check: the government will take that too.

Among the older generation, the attitude seems to be: screw 'em, the kids need to learn to pay back their debts. Which is curious, since not only has

the previous generation been the most irresponsible in history as far as debt is concerned, but they have also seen fit to retain the possibility of bankruptcy for themselves. Why is defaulting on a mortgage more acceptable than defaulting on a college loan, or for that matter, a gambling debt? The answer is simple: adults expect responsibility from everyone but themselves.

Nor do they expect responsibility from the banks and lenders. Traditionally, the possibility of bankruptcy acts as a check upon lenders, who must question whether or not a person is actually capable of paying back the loan. We have recently seen what can happen when bad loans are made on a massive scale in regards to the housing market. Without bankruptcy protection, lenders are encouraged to throw cash at whoever asks -- no matter how low their SAT scores or however manifestly unprepared for college they are. And it's ridiculous to think that teenage kids will turn down the loans, since they have had it drilled into them from infancy by every teacher, parent, and guidance counselor that college is expected of them.

These are the worst victims of the system: kids that were shuffled through a failing public education system and then handed off to college without even basic reading skills. Because it doesn't matter whether or not they actually wind up with a degree: they will still have to pay, scraping a little bit out of every Walmart paycheck to pay down the interest on a loan that has gained them nothing.

As of this weekend, it appears that congress will allow the interest rate on Stafford loans to double come this July. We can now chalk student loans up with social security, the national debt, and rising health care costs as just another problem that the elder generation has decided to ignore or simply punt to the next generation. And as they retire and begin loudly demanding their social security payments, we must stumble into life with our finances broken from the outset.

Things must change. First off, something must be done

to stem the outrageous rise in tuition. Public universities ought to look at austerity measures. A college education does not require million-dollar gymnasiums, free cable, sports programs that lose millions, or beautiful facades. Nor does a university require such bloated administrations. The community college system is a perfect example of what can be achieved on the cheap.

Second, the government must invest more in education, at all levels. By undermining the public high schools, the government has forced millions of students to seek a college education merely to prove they have the basic literacy skills once guaranteed by a high school diploma. Moreover, by cutting public funding, it forces colleges to compete for students, whether ready for college or not, simply to remain profitable. Far too many undeserving students are admitted into college and given passing grades only because the university badly needs their money. In addition, the government should offer more in the way of grants. Currently, the maximum Pell grant (if you can get it) only covers about a third of your education. That is not enough. If a student has earned it, give him a free ride. The government can collect its money back by taxing his higher, college-educated income.

Third, we need to look at loan forgiveness. This means allowing folks to declare bankruptcy. There is no reason that college debt should be treated differently than any other kind of debt.

Finally, if students want the government to pay attention, they must look into supporting the US Student Association, or forgivestudentloandebt.com, or some other organization to advocate for their needs. They must write their congressmen; they must protest. But most importantly, they must vote. Congress ignores the needs of the younger generation because it can afford to. As long as we remain unorganized and indecisive, the government will continue to undermine our future.

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Aries (Mar 21 -Apr 19)

Try to spell-check yourself even in the middle of conversation. Don't let embarrassing spur-of-the-moment utterances keep you from making the right impression with that date or potential employer.



Taurus (Apr 20 -May 20)

Try not to get involved with anything you can't back out of — for today, at least. Facts are fluid, and it's likely that you don't know all the details quite yet. Try to hold off anyone who's desperate to commit.



Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

It's a busy day for you — but it's all good! You should have a great time showing off your multitasking capabilities and flirting it up with friends, colleagues, customers and more. Have fun!



Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

Today's workload needs to be broken down into tiny pieces if you want to take care of it — and even then, it may feel overwhelming! Don't be ashamed to ask for help if you think you need it.



Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

Your brainpower is boosted today, which makes it a great time to think through what's going on at work or at home. You may find that your energy is better spent solving problems than making plans.



Virgo (Aug 23 -Sep 22)

You can react quickly today, thanks to bursts of mental energy that come through just in time. Your wits are always with you, even if you feel distracted or otherwise out of it. Have confidence!



Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

You develop a taste for something totally new today — maybe a new kind of food, or maybe something more esoteric. It could lead you down a crazy path that nobody would ever have expected of you.



Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

Something catches your attention early today that may raise questions or even set alarm bells ringing. You need to deal with it to the exclusion of all else, if that's possible. Call for help, too!



Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Your deep thinking is yielding only little bits and pieces today, but it's not for lack of brainpower. It's just that you need to get out and do things in order to get your blood pumping first.



Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

Your mental state has achieved an unusual level of clarity today, so make the most of it by thinking about the hardest issues you face. You may come to a breakthrough if you really push it!



Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

You need to show that your creative side is still active. Of course it is (all the time, really), but you need to make sure that your people can see the fruits of your intellectual labors.



Pisces (Feb 19 -Mar 20)

Today's weird problems demand creative solutions. See if you can get your friends or colleagues to stand back while you hunker down and think things through — smart ideas are sure to rise to the surface!



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Memorial Day history

Sasha Preddie
STAFF WRITER

Nearly two centuries ago, the American people came together to remember those who had fallen during the deadliest war that American soil had ever seen. What originally started as women decorating the graves of soldiers who died during the Civil War turned into a national holiday known and celebrated today as Memorial Day.

As years have passed, the significance of Memorial Day seems to

have been forgotten by a vast majority of Americans. Many people view this special holiday as just a day off from work or school, neither of which has anything to do with the true meaning of the day.

John Tilley, professor of American History and American Military History at ECU, said that he is "bothered by the widespread, increasing ignorance about the military history."

"Memorial Day is a time when the American people can recognize

and express their respect for the people in the armed forces that have given all they have for the country," Tilley said.

While many Americans do not know the history of this holiday, Tilley believes "the best way to make them fully appreciate Memorial Day is to tell them about it."

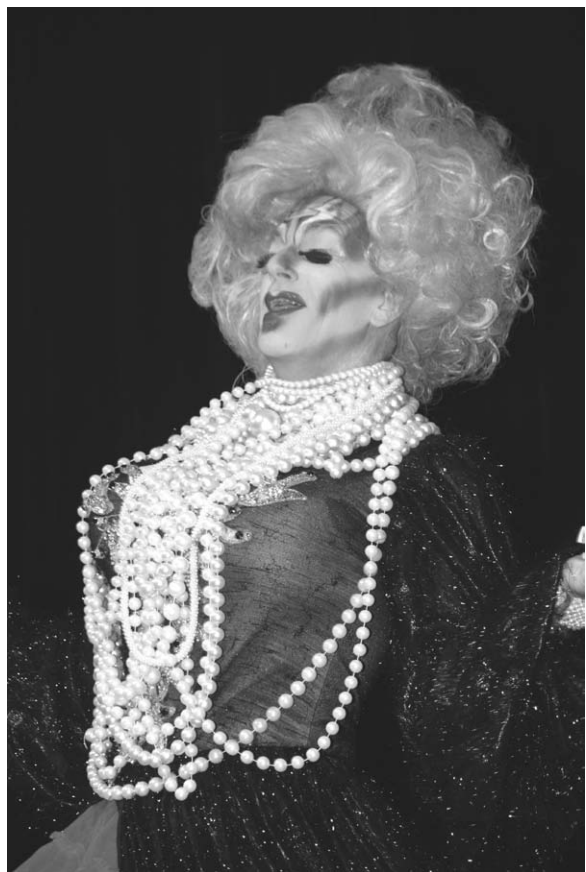
The origin of Memorial Day dates back to May 1, 1865, before the Civil War officially ended. According to historian David W. Blight, African-Americans held the first

known Memorial Day-type observance in Charleston, S.C. It was referred to as the "The First Decoration Day" in the North. On that day, a group of freed slaves, teachers and missionaries came together to honor the Union soldiers who were prisoners of war in Charleston and were buried in unmarked graves.

Associations in the south soon followed suit and started to establish ways to remember the Confederate

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Temple transforms to *Purina Chow*



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After witnessing his friends' struggles with the HIV virus, Coleman Temple created the drag queen persona of Purina Chow to help raise money and awareness.

Rex Rose
STAFF WRITER

Coleman Temple was born in Kinston, North Carolina to a mother who worked as a nurse and a father who was a pharmacist. Temple attended Parrot Academy, a private school, and lived an upper class lifestyle. Temple was also blessed with a very open-minded family that was composed of Catholics, Jews, Methodists and Baptists.

"I learned to be open to everything and we were just not people who were like, 'if you are not like us, you have to go away,'" said Temple. "We were always accepting because this is what life is all about."

His family's open mindedness was put to the test when Temple was discharged from the Navy because of his sexual orientation. They passed with flying colors and accepted that while this would be a hard life for their son, they would be there for him no matter what.

Temple would need their support because beginning in the early 1980's a strange cancer began to appear that seemed to only affect gay men. What came to be known as GRID (gay-related immune deficiency) and what is now known as HIV/AIDS was all over the news. The most devastating aspect was the high mortality

rate. Almost as soon as the disease appeared, so did the discrimination. To be a homosexual man during this time period was the definition of the "hard life" that Temple's father predicted.

In 1985 a test came out that allowed doctors to determine the existence of HIV, and of course since his parents were in the medical field, they made sure to get their son tested.

"I had not been very promiscuous and I came back positive," said Temple. "There are a trilogy of tests in that one test, the Elijah and the Western Bloc, and all three of them came back positive."

His dad, being a third generation pharmacist, gave him confidence in the medical field that gave him the guts to try the only medicine available, AZT, which was almost as toxic as HIV.

"If nothing else, I will be going through a regimen where I will psychologically think I am doing myself good, and that to me has been half the battle," said Temple.

While he was taking care of himself he began to notice that other people needed help. He saw the devastation that the disease was causing and at the same time he painfully witnessed the discrimination.

"In '86 I created the character of Purina Chow because there was no financing for funerals for my friends, there was no financing to help them

with their food, any of their bills and people that were coming down with this disease were just being devastated and they were being shunned, ostracized from everybody," said Temple. "So the community got together and started doing benefits and this was a way that I could give back anonymously and not come out."

The drag queen persona of Purina Chow allowed Temple to raise money for this disease while not letting everyone know that he himself was infected.

In 1990 he became full blown, that is, his condition became worse and he moved to Durham to die. While in Durham, he witnessed the horrible discrimination that accompanied any person who received treatment for the disease at Duke.

"Everyone who came out of that clinic were looked at with degradation," said Temple.

He did not let the discrimination he faced stop him from travelling back to Greenville and doing performances as Purina Chow at the Paddock Club, which is currently Limelight.

"So I started doing shows, and at first I tried to do the real thing," said Temple. "I am nobody's pretty woman, and I remembered back in grade school I used to be quite a comic, so I thought,

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Job interviewing tactics

Sara Davis
STAFF WRITER

Landing one's first "real-life" job is a scary process. Some students think it will be a breeze, while others dread the thought of marketing themselves. It all starts with applying to an open job, and if one is lucky enough, getting the job interview, which is probably the most important part of getting the job. If a person's resume looks impressive, but they do not do so well in the job interview, it weighs heavily on that person's overall performance. So, ECU's very own Career Center has provided some helpful tips to make job interviewing a little less stressful.

Patrick Roberts, a career counselor on campus, shared many different ideas for students.

The 3R Rule: Research, Research, Research

The first R is about researching yourself. It is important to know one's own resume, past jobs and experiences, and even transcripts. Roberts suggests highlighting courses on the transcript that may be relevant to the job. It is also important to know what one expects in a job atmosphere. Preparing a few questions to ask the interviewer about the average work experience is smart. Roberts said the key is to "know what you're comfortable talking about."

The second R is about researching the job. Roberts said, "There is a reason that the company needs you or the job would not exist." It is important to find out what the job duties are and to also look at the job description. If the employer does not provide a job description, one can check on an occupational website. Roberts suggests www.bls.gov/oco. This site gives general information on many job titles.

The third R is about researching the company or organization. Roberts said that it is important to go to the company's website first because that is what they want people to know. He said that googling is acceptable, but it is important that one does not take negative or "unofficial" information to the interview. Companies expect different things. A for-profit organization is going to expect something far different than a political campaign. Roberts said to check the history, the services and the missions and values, which are listed on the website.

Roberts believes that a successful interviewee will connect the first R with the other two R's.

Kate Avery, a graduating senior, feels she has this step down perfectly. She stated, "I am going to grad school for performing arts management, which combines both of my majors in music and communication. I definitely feel like I am ready for a 'real-life' job interview, and I think going to grad school is going to make me a better candidate for jobs that I will apply to in the future."

Dress and Attire

What looks appropriate and acceptable can be different from person to person. So, what does one wear to a job interview? Roberts noted that it is important for everyone to dress the part for the job he or she wants. He also said that it is crucial that the interviewer "remembers what you say and not your clothes or general appearance."



Carol Woodruff, Career Counselor, and her team at the Career Center provides students the opportunity to do practice interviews.

For both men and women:

Roberts said that the No. 1 rule is to dress conservatively and to wear conservative colors like blue, black and gray. Also, do not overdo the cologne or perfume.

For men:

- Do not wear piercings.
- Match the shoes, which are clean, to the belt.
- Leave the silly-colored ties at home.
- Make sure hair is clean-cut and groomed.

For Women:

- Wear only one set of earrings.
- If a skirt is worn, make sure it is to the knees.
- Wear nude-colored stockings and leave the patterned ones in the drawer at home.
- Pantsuits are totally fine.
- Wear heels shorter than two inches.
- Put hair up, if possible, so that it stays in place while being interviewed.

Industry-Based Questions

A teacher is going to hear different interviewing questions than an engineer or a nurse will hear. So, how can one be prepared for these industry-specific questions?

There is mock interviewing software online at Optimal Resume. This is preloaded with tons of industry-specific questions. Roberts said that, "knowing principles and practices in the field" is important.

For Pirates with job interviews in the future, this list can help. But the best practice is experience. Practice job interviewing out loud with family, friends or a professional. The Career Center on campus is more than willing to practice with students so that they are successful in their interviews.

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The federal government officially changed the holiday from "Decoration Day" to "Memorial Day" in 1967.

soldiers who had died during the war, as well. They took care of cemeteries, built monuments and organized ceremonies to recognize those who lost their lives.

In 1868, Gen. John A. Logan issued a proclamation that "Decoration Day" should be celebrated nationwide. Weeks later, on May 30 of that year, "Decoration Day" was first observed, because it was not an anniversary of any battle. As years went by, many states started to adopt the holiday and would hold events annually at hundreds of cemeteries.

The federal government officially changed the holiday from "Decoration Day" to "Memorial Day" in 1967. A year later,

Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill that changed Memorial Day to be the last Monday in May so there would be a three-day weekend.

Americans have found multiple ways to observe Memorial Day. Some people go to cemeteries and memorials to give their respects to the fallen, while other organizations have volunteers who place an American flag on each gravesite at national cemeteries.

A recent ECU Army ROTC graduate, 2nd Lt. Derek Vanino, said that before he joined the military, he and his family would celebrate Memorial Day by cooking hamburgers and hot dogs.

"The true meaning

came forward now that I joined the military," said Vanino. "I see it as a chance to remember, first off, all of the Army's history. Being a part of the military and knowing other military members makes it hit home a lot more as kind of remembrance."

While many Americans today see Memorial Day as the beginning of the summer, the true meaning lies within the trials and tribulations this country has seen. Memorial Day is a day to commemorate all of those currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and the many who have in the past.

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'let's do the comic angle of this,' but after 25 plus years of doing it, something obviously is working," said Temple.

The name Purina Chow, comedic in nature, came from exactly what it sounds like, dog food. Temple said he thought up the name while he was "feeding dog biscuits to a Saint Bernard named Coco Chanel."

While Purina Chow's over the top performances and iconic yellow hair, which was inspired by Nanny Fine of "The Nanny," is all light hearted, another part of her legendary costume is not all fun and games. Her pearls were bestowed to her from friends that have died from HIV and she wears them at every performance to allow them to live on.

Temple's activism does not only come in performances, but also in his daily life.

"I am not really so much an activist that I have bumper stickers all over the car and I am at every rally," said Temple. "My activism is being a positive force in my community,

whether it be mediating two queens spitting at each other, whether it is building something for somebody, taking somebody to the doctor, that is more my way of being active."

Temple overcame his deadly diagnosis and decided to do something about it. He has dedicated his life to opening people's minds by living, sharing his story and performing. Greenville has been his home, his family, his community and his stage.

"If you want Disney World you have to go to Florida, if you want the Empire State Building you have to go to New York, if you want Purina Chow you have to come to Greenville," said Temple.

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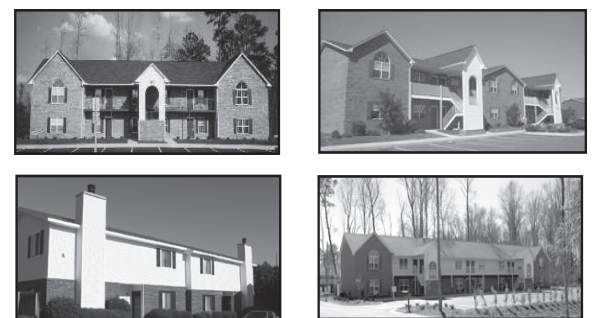
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Pitcher earns academic honors

Staff Reports

ECU sophomore Drew Reynolds was named to the 2012 Conference USA All-Academic Team, as selected by the league's baseball sports information directors. In order to be eligible for the recognition, student-athletes must hold a 3.2 cumulative grade point average, be of at least sophomore academic standing and be a starter or key reserve for his or her team.

Reynolds, the Pirates' designated hitter and closer, is a two-time C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and four-time ECU Director of Athletics Honor Roll recipient who holds a 3.44 cumulative GPA as a physical education major.

A native of Cherryville, Reynolds is the lone league member on the John Olerud Watch List, which is given to the nation's top two-way player. He sports the second-best average on the team in batting at .328 with two home runs, seven doubles, 22 RBI, 27 runs and has recorded 18 multi-hit games. On the mound, he owns a 3-0 record in 20 appearances with 10 saves, ranking fourth in C-USA.

The Pirates (34-20-1) are in Pearl, Miss., for the 2012 Conference USA Championship presented by Trustmark at Trustmark Park. As the sixth seed ECU will square off with No. 3 seed Tulane on Wednesday, May 23, at 8 p.m., before playing No. 2 seed UCF (41-14) on Friday at 4 p.m. and No. 7 UAB (29-27) Saturday at 4 p.m. ECU will not play on Thursday, as that is its designated day off.

Softball holds summer camp

Staff Reports

The ECU softball program will host three skills camps this summer, according to an announcement by the team Monday. Each session will be conducted inside the ECU Softball Stadium and feature instruction provided by the Pirate coaching staff as well as selected current and former players.

The first camp is scheduled for July 17-19 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is designed for players entering, or already in, high school. The All Skills Camp will focus on fine-tuning and advancing the skills of the game: hitting, defense, base running, strategy and more.

From July 24-26, the Pint Size Pirate Camp (9 a.m. - 11 a.m.) and Intermediate Camp (1 p.m. - 5 p.m.) will take place. The morning session is available for children between the ages of five and eight. No previous softball experience is required. The camp is designed to introduce basic softball skills and improve the fundamentals of throwing, receiving, hitting and footwork. In the afternoon, players age nine through those entering eighth grade will be introduced to more advanced drill work for offense, defense and base running.

Leading the events will be head coach Tracey Kee and associate head coach Natalie Kozlowski. The pair has received the last two National Fastpitch Coaches Association's Midwest Region Coaches-of-the-Year honors.

Individuals interested in participating should fill out the attached form and return it to the softball office prior to July 11. For more information, please contact Kozlowski either by phone at (252) 737-1434 or by email at kozlowskin@ecu.edu.

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Track readies for East Prelims

Record 21 track and field members qualify for event

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STAFF WRITER

Stagnation and regression are two results that sports teams at every level of play work to avoid. The key to building a successful program is putting in those long hours at practice, in the weight room; and for coaches, on the recruiting board, so that the program will move forward at all times. At last year's NCAA East Preliminary Round, the ECU Track and Field team registered a more-than-respectable 15 athletes. This year, it shattered that number, registering a program-record 21 athletes, proving that they are truly dedicated to forward movement.

"There is a great diversity not only in the number of events, but in the number of individuals we have competing," said Coach Curt Kraft about his team. "It's a testimonial to the overall strength of the program and how far it has come in the last five or six years."

Aside from setting a new program record for the number of participants in this year's Preliminary Round, ECU also boasts a total 12 Conference Champions that it will have participating in the meet. Among them is senior Dennis Ali-

otta, who not only won the men's Performer of the Week at the Conference Championship last week, but broke the program and league

record in the shot put with a mark of 19.39 meters, earning himself the 13th ranked best effort among all in the nation.

Three-time defending league outdoor champion in the hi

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High jumper Tynita Butts and 20 other members of the track and field team qualified for the NCAA Preliminaries

Men's golf seeks National Championship

Ronnie Moore
STAFF WRITER



Senior golfer Harold Varner chips out of a hazard.

Men's golf snuck into the National Championship when they assembled a three-day team score of one over par. The 33rd ranked Pirates finished second in the Athens Regional tournament out of the 13-school field. With this record-breaking performance the Pirates clinched their first birth into a Men's Golf National Championship.

The Alabama Crimson Tide finished in first place in the Athens Regional event posting strong individual scores as a team, which led to their 24-shot win. The Crimson Tide never shot above par as a team; their worst score of the weekend came on the final day as they only managed to escape going one under for the final round. Alabama also claimed the three

podium spots for individual golfers. The fourth-ranked Tide started strong by leading the regional tournament from start to finish.

Also joining the Pirates in the National Championship from Conference USA are Tulsa, Memphis, UAB, and UCF.

This season's golf success shouldn't come as any surprise as the Pirates narrowly missed the top five regional cut last season as they finished ninth at the Virginia Tech Regional Tournament.

This is Head Coach Press McPhaul's sixth season in charge of the Pirates golf squad and the program has done nothing but improve throughout his tenure at ECU. Coming from the Vanderbilt head coaching position, many people knew that McPhaul could recruit, but his drastic internal changes are evident, as the Pirates have reached the biggest stage in school history.

The Pirates now have the opportunity to collect a National Championship trophy, as long as the ECU golfers play their absolute best rounds May 29- June 3.

There is no doubt that senior golfer Harold Varner has something

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Realignment pays off for Pirate Nation



Chase Kroll
OPINION COLUMNIST

It has been an interesting couple of months for Conference USA. Since news broke that Memphis,

Houston, SMU and UCF were leaving for the Big East, the conference has scrambled to put together a functional conference to begin play as early as 2013.

At first, the plan for C-USA was to merge with the Mountain West to create a super conference, with a possibility of over 20 teams located virtually coast-to-coast.

The idea was a good one, but as time went on, it became apparent that it was unlikely to come to fruition. The two conferences have since agreed that while it is still a possibility to merge in the distant future (most likely as a football-only agreement), they will work together sharing scheduling, television and marketing resources.

C-USA was left with eight teams, and due to Football Bowl Subdivision, regulations was in danger of losing women's swimming as a Division One sport unless it found more schools to bring into the fold.

As it stands today, C-USA has added six new programs: Charlotte, North Texas, University of Texas-San Antonio, Louisiana Tech, Florida International University, and most recently, Old Dominion, to begin play in 2013. The conference is now in no danger of folding, but already the speculation has begun.

Let me say first that, competitively, C-USA has gotten weaker. In football, for example, only three of the six added teams played Division I last season. North Texas finished the season 5-7, Louisiana Tech lost the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl to Texas Christian University and FIU fell to Marshall in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl.

UTSA, technically a member of the Western Athletic Conference, will begin its first season of Division I football next year before its switch to C-USA. Both Charlotte and Old Dominion won't play Division I football until its first season in the conference.

Houston was a top-10 program toward the end of the season. In basketball, Memphis was the conference's best team. Each team that the conference lost was steadily in contention for the C-USA title in a multitude of sports.

But it wasn't expected for the conference to bring in top-tier programs to replace these losses. That would have only happened if there was a package deal with another conference.

By virtue of the competition taking a step down, it's not a stretch to say that ECU should fare well against its new foes. And if that is the case, ECU should want the most viewers possible.

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Baseball splits last two of regular season Diamond Bucs prepare for C-USA tournament

William Farrar
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates traveled to Richmond, Va., this past weekend to play the last two games of the regular season in the Terry Sisisky Classic. In the weekend tournament, ECU faced off against Virginia Military Institute on Saturday, and wrapped up the regular season on Sunday against Virginia Commonwealth.

On Sunday, the Pirates were unable to tame VCU as early offense

helped catapult the Rams to an 11-2 victory over ECU. VCU scored six runs off of two hits in the bottom of the first to take an early 6-0 lead. ECU's Jharel Cotton received his first loss of the season after tallying eight wins for the Pirates before Sunday.

Cotton went two-thirds of the first inning, allowing one hit, three walks and hitting two batters before Tyler Joyner relieved him. Joyner pitched just over four innings, allowing two runs on two hits and

five strikeouts before Drew Reynolds was sent in to finish the last two innings for the Pirates. In two innings of work, Reynolds allowed three runs on three hits and four walks.

The Pirates finally recorded a run in the sixth inning off of Chase McDonald single to left that scored John Wooten. Wooten reached base on a one out double, and then was advanced to third by Zach Wright

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Right-handed reliever Dario Santangelo (22) in action earlier this season at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

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jump, and All-American Tynita Butts boasts the nations second-highest mark in her event with a mark of 1.87 meters. This year's Preliminary Round will serve as the junior's third, as she looks to improve from her fourth place finish from last year. Butts is joined in the field by senior teammate Kim Kanala, who will add her second career Preliminary Round to her resume with

On the track, the women's 4x400 meter relay team, comprised of junior Tiffany Harris, and sophomores Tania Minkins, Tyshonda Hawkins, and Aiesha Googins (All-American) seek to earn a spot in their second consecutive national meet through this year's preliminary round. The relay squad will enter the meet with the C-USA title, and the East Region's 12th fastest time of

Lastly on the women's side, senior Rebecca Cooper and sophomore Krista Vincent will both compete in the javelin at the preliminary round.

For the men, junior Montrell Morrow will participate in both the discus and hammer throw at the preliminary meet. Morrow will enter the meet with the C-USA title and the 8th best hammer throw mark in the region at 64.57 meters. Previously mentioned Dennis Aliotta owns the 19th best hammer throw in the region and will compete in the event as well as the shot put. Junior Matthew McConaughey also qualified for the preliminaries with his second place, 67.95 meter mark in at the C-USA meet.

On the track, the league champion 4x100 meter relay team which consists of sophomore Desmond Lawrence, and juniors Austin Lewis, Antonial Marshall, and Quinton Harley marked a time of 40.41 seconds, which helped them gain their spot in the preliminaries. Harley also won the league title in the 400-meter hurdles, along with the 17th best time in region at 51.28 seconds.

Junior Drew Kanz O'Shea earned his second NCAA appearance through his bronze performance at the C-USA meet, while teammates Joseph Samuels (110 meter hurdles), Stephen Hodapp (pole vault), and Jakub Trzasaiski (800 meter run) will make their NCAA debuts.

The NCAA East Preliminary Round, scheduled for May 24-26 at Hodges Stadium at the University of North Florida will truly be a historical event for the ECU Track and Field team. Hard work put 21 Pirates in the preliminaries, and hopefully, hard work will advance them to the next round as well.

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Brittany Copeland will compete at the NCAA East Prelim for ECU.

this year's meet. Kanala is also shooting for a high-ranking finish, like that of her league championship victory in the hammer throw at last weeks C-USA meet.

3:36.92. Also a national title contender, senior Brittany Copeland posted a time of 16:09.67 at the Raleigh Relays back in March, which was, at the time, the nation's fastest.

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That is where the strength of the new C-USA lies. The addition of the new teams was definitely a marketing move. C-USA lost its only Tennessee team, two teams in Texas and its only Florida representative. It was in dire need of more viewers in big-time markets.

C-USA brought in teams in the San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth and Miami areas, making up for its losses in Texas and Florida. Bringing in the Norfolk, Va., Ruston, La. and Charlotte markets correctly improved the loss of Memphis' viewers.

But, even more interesting than marketing strategies, is that now Tulane has an in-state conference rival in Louisiana Tech, and ECU has one in Charlotte. The addition of an in-state rival for ECU will absolutely help the Pirates' program.

It's just fun to have a rival, and ECU has never had a definitive enemy. Unlike N.C. State, Charlotte being in the conference guarantees that ECU will play them every year in all sports. The battle for North Carolina begins at the start of the new C-USA.

All in all, the move is

good for ECU specifically. The Pirates will be one of the conference's better programs, will still be able to schedule big out-of-conference games and will be seen in all new markets.

With the conference alignments nowadays being more fragile than ever, there is still hope of a future merger or move to a new conference. But as of right now, ECU stands strong in the new-look C-USA.

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Running back Chris Hairston (31) attempts to break tackles during the Purple-Gold game.

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to do with McPhaul's success at ECU. Varner has set many school records and achieved great honors in his four years in Greenville.

As a junior, Varner was named to the PING All-East Region Squad and he was a first team C-USA performer. Over the summer before his senior season, Varner won not only the NC Amateur Championship but he also won the NC Amateur Match Play Championship. This was the first time anyone had ever claimed both state championship titles at the same time.

The ECU golf team will be competing next week for the highest honor in college sports; the National Championship. The venue for the NCAA Championship will be the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, California. The PGA tour has been known to host the Northern Trust Open at this very course regularly in the past decade, let alone since the courses creation in 1926-27.

The favorites, if there can actually be any, would have to be the five schools representing California: Southern

California, UCLA, University of Cal, Stanford, and San Diego State. Home course advantage may play a factor and if it does, then these five teams should be in the running, otherwise look towards an Alabama Squad fresh off there Athens Regional beat down.

The Pirates have a good chance as any to win and that's just what McPhaul and the Pirates plan to do. Win.

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First basemen John Wooten (16) looks to tag a base runner on a pick-off attempt at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

single to right field, which lead to McDonald's at bat with runners on the corners.

ECU scored their second run in the seventh when Wooten hit a sacrifice fly to right field that scored Bryan Bass, who reached base on a single, and advanced to third on Mike Ussery's single and later stole third.

On Saturday, the Pirates picked up a 14-8 victory as they defeated VMI in a come from behind fashion. ECU scored 12 unanswered runs from the fourth inning to the eighth to erase a 6-2 deficit.

The Pirates scored three runs in the fourth inning and followed with two more in the fifth to go ahead 7-6, and was able to maintain the lead for the rest of the game. Bryan Bass hit very well for the Pirates, as he recorded four hits on the afternoon to help contribute to the impressive

hitting performance provided by the Pirates.

Wooten recorded another three hits that accounted for two RBIs for the Pirates. Corey Thompson and Chase McDonald both added two hits in the game, while Thompson added four RBIs and McDonald recorded three. As a team, the Pirates combined for 18 hits in the win, which doubled the nine the Pirates had Saturday against VCU.

Andy Smithmyer picked up his fifth win of the season, as he came in for relief for the Pirates in the fifth inning. Smithmyer did not give up any hits in just over four innings of work, but allowed two runs in the ninth by hitting batters with the bases loaded. Jeff Hoffman received the start and gave four frames of work before being relieved by Smithmyer. Hoffman

allowed six runs, all in which were earned, on four hits, seven strikeouts and only three walks. Freshman Dylan Dickens finished the game for the Pirates and was on the mound for the last two outs in the ninth.

With the regular season finished, ECU received the sixth seed for the Conference USA Championship which starts today in Pearl, Miss. The Pirates will open up against No. 3 seed Tulane tonight at 8 p.m., and will follow up against two seeded UCF on Friday at 4 p.m. and seventh seeded UAB on Saturday at 4 p.m.

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