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Foxes spotted on campus

Staff Reports

While foxes are not uncommon in Eastern North Carolina, the prominence in sightings near public places is causing wildlife officials concern. Several foxes have been spotted on campus and officials have been getting calls more and more frequently. Tuesday, two of the animals were spotted near the Bate building and darted across the mall-dodging students walking to class. The wildlife office says foxes are usually not dangerous to humans. The biggest concern officials have is students feeding the foxes which officials strongly urge against.

United States Postal Service cuts Saturday mail

Staff Reports

The declining use of letters and other mail has caused the Postal Service to cut the delivery of mail on Saturday. The drastic cut will save the US Postal Service about \$2 billion annually. The service plans to end in August in response to the increase in electronic mail.

New veterans center halfway completed

Staff Reports

Next January, a new Veterans Administration health care center will open near Vidant Medical Center on Moye Boulevard. The new building will supply Greenville with approximately 300 new jobs and will begin hiring at the end of the year. The 116,000 square foot building will replace the 18,000 square foot facility currently supplying the area with veteran care.

UNC-Chapel Hill student's killer to be resentenced

Staff Reports

The North Carolina Court of Appeals will be looking into Laurence Lovette's sentence. Lovette was convicted in 2008 for the murder of UNC-Chapel Hill student body president Eve Carson. Since his trial, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that mandatory life sentences without parole cannot be given to defendants under the age of 18. The jury found him guilty of first-degree murder, kidnapping, armed robbery, felony larceny and possession of stolen goods.

FAFSA Day to assist students and parents

Staff Reports

Pitt Community College will hold a FAFSA Day to help students and parents to fill out FAFSA forms. The program will be held on February 23rd

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A fire broke out in Marabella Old World Pizza yesterday on Greenville Blvd., which destroyed the roof and caused extensive smoke damage to the entire building

Fire destroys local pizzeria

Staff Reports

A fire was started late yesterday afternoon at Marabella Old World Pizza located on Greenville Boulevard and Luci Drive. The shopping center houses Marabella, a Wash House laundry and Bowen Cleaners.

Traffic around the shopping center was restricted to the night leading both 10th and 14th streets to become heavily congested. The

cause of the fire is to be determined, but fire officials say they have no reason to suspect suspicious behavior.

The restaurant, a common hangout for students, sustained heavy smoke, fire and water damage. The other businesses in the shopping center sustained mostly smoke damage.

Five trucks responded to the fire after employees reported smelling a rubbery burning smell according to The Daily Reflector. Every-

one was evacuated from the building safely. No customers were inside Bowen Cleaners or the Laundromat. Customer clothing in the cleaners was damaged in the smoke.

Marabella's owner Massimo Mannilo hopes to reopen the restaurant as soon as possible.

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McCrory calls for change to higher education



Gov. Pat McCrory visted campus last semester and spoke before Paul Ryan.

Ali Winslow
STAFF WRITER

Last Tuesday, North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory said the "educational elite" have taken over colleges and he said worthless courses offer "no chances of getting people jobs," according to the Huffington Post.

In the brief 10-minute interview with talk show host Bill Bennett—the former education secretary of President Regan—McCrory said he has already instructed his staff to begin writing legislation that will change the way money is given to universities and community colleges. "Right now, we pay based upon how many students you have, not on

the results of how many jobs you're getting people into," McCrory said in his interview with Bennett. "I'm looking at legislation right now—in fact, I just instructed my staff yesterday to go ahead and develop legislation—which would change the basic formula in how education money is given out to our universities and our community colleges. It's not based on butts in seats, but on how many of those butts can get jobs."

McCrory specifically targeted the degree in gender studies and classes learning Swahili offered at UNC-Chapel Hill, explaining he does not think tax dollars should be used to help fund these types of courses.

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"If you want to take gender studies, that's fine. Go to a private school and take it," McCrory said in the interview. "But I don't want to subsidize that if that's not going to get someone a job."

Gender studies professor Corinee Guy said she was somewhat taken aback by the governor's comments.

"I know that cuts have to be made, but I am disappointed that he chose to single out gender studies the way that he did," Guy said. "I think that cutting them out would be a step back for women and for men as well."

There are six men enrolled in Guy's gender studies course this semester and she believes the course helps to give them, as well as the women enrolled, a voice. Gov. McCrory's remarks come from the problem that North Carolina is the fifth highest in the nation for unemployment.

On the governor's official web page, his plan for higher education states that the McCrory administration will work with education and business leaders to make sure our community colleges and universities more effectively and efficiently help North Carolinians complete a degree program to attain marketable skills, find a job and help grow our economy.

Karen Bartlett a senior hospitality leadership major thinks that the governor's plan could benefit students.

"That's smart. I know in my department they do no job placement at all," said Bartlett. "It'd be nice to see the state take a step towards helping students find work after they graduate. Not only do you get a degree, but they help you find a job as well."

Some students were not so pleased over the governor's comments. Kirstie Miles, a family and community service major, believes that this is not fair to the students who are in these programs. "That is not okay because everyone can't afford to go to private schools. You're making them pay more to take something that should be offered everywhere," said Miles.

The governor spoke at a Rocky Mount Area Chamber event last Thursday where he used lighter words to defend the remarks he made two days prior. In an article from the Charlotte Observer, McCrory stands behind what he said about pushing universities and community colleges to provide students with courses that will help them find employment.

"I believe education is for two purposes. One is to help exercise the brain and get good critical-thinking and problem-solving skills and understand our past and our future. And the second reason is to teach us skills that will also help us get jobs," Gov. McCrory said to Bennett.

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A student residing in College Hill Suites was arrested early Friday morning for drug possession.

Two students arrested for possession of marijuana

Staff Reports

A student living in College Hill Suites was arrested at 12:26 a.m. on Feb. 1 and charged with possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana from his residence hall.

After receiving consent to search the residence, they recovered 65 grams of marijuana, \$3,870 in cash and assorted drug paraphernalia, an ECU News Release said. ECU Police Lt. Chris Sutton said a drug call usually goes one of two ways.

"An officer will be patrolling through the dorm and will catch the smell or they may get a call from a third party that isn't exactly right. They've either seen or smelled

marijuana." Lt. Sutton. "In most cases we are notified first or housing is notified first and they let us know."

Alexander Hinger was charged with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was arrested and placed under a \$20,000 secured bond at the Pitt County Detention Center, ECU News reports.

Lt. Sutton said in this case, campus living notified him about some potential drug activity.

He said they usually do not know the history of a suspect selling substances unless it is a unique case. The university has seen a rise in drug cases the past three years. There were 97 in 2010,

168 in 2011 and 186 in 2012.

Hinger's roommate Thomas Appleman was also arrested in the case and charged with simple possession of marijuana. Appleman's bond was \$1,000.

Lt. Sutton said Greenville police was involved in the arrest. Usually Greenville Police are not involved in 99 percent of cases, but it depends on who is there. If campus police are there, they may respond first. He said the smell of marijuana is easily detectable and distinct.

"There's nothing on this planet that smells like burnt marijuana. You can't mask that odor," said Sutton.

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from 9 a.m. to noon. The deadline for registration is February 18th and forms can be found at www.cfnr.org. The event is to help students who will be attending college beginning in the fall of 2013.

Taco Bell to release more Doritos Locos flavors

Staff Reports

Taco Bell has sold approximately 325 million Doritos Locos Tacos since

March of last year. The company will be releasing a Cool Ranch flavor this March in response to the insane popularity. The chain has made \$500 million with the product and hopes to expand the product line even further if the popularity remains.

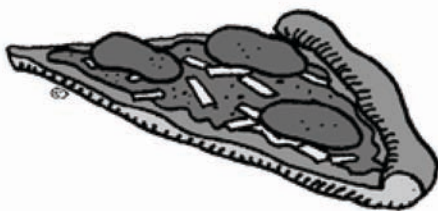
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PIRATE RANTS

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To my old roommate that had a five minute encounter/sex with one of MY acquaintances last Super Bowl...I spit in your milk repeatedly for the entire semester following.

To all the girls complaining they can't find the nice single guys on campus, keep trying, we are trying to find you too.

I kind of regret submitting that previous rant about spitting in my roommate's milk last year...please don't publish that.

Dear ECU: With this new probation policy and increased ALE, good luck finding students to lead your organizations and play your sports.

To the girls whining about long distance relationships, you decided to go away to school. Stop complaining over your own decision. #stupidkids

I would do anything for love... except date any guy that goes to this school.

Which one of you classy, nice and charming ECU boys want to take me to the new Wasabi 88?...Wait that's impossible.

Tuition, \$3,500...Student Pirate Club, \$50...d-bag getting tossed at women's basketball game, priceless...

I just submitted 50 Pirate Rants and if at least one of them isn't put in the paper, I will write 100 next week.

Does anyone else notice that Ron Swanson looks just like Thr Grumpy Cat? If not, please look it up.

I really wish some of you could step out of your comfort zones sometimes. It's pretty pathetic that you're around a whole slew of awesome people and you only talk to five. Broaden your horizons people

Are there any hippies/festies/ragers out there? PLUR? Anybody?

To my professor, I think you are absolutely beautiful... part of which might be your accent...

Best news of the week so far: Found out my crush is in fact, NOT GAY. My lady parts are rejoicing :)

For everyone who doesn't know, ECU has a ski/snowboard team...and we're in the leader board for our division. And oh yeah, we shred!

I'm just going to start submitting the same exact rant until it's finally published. My voice needs to be heard!.. or read, whatever.

I'm not eating alone; I'm just having a reunion with my imaginary friends from childhood!

Put your damn phone on vibrate! I'm in the computer to work and your phone going off every five minutes is highly annoying.

I wonder how mad the B permits get when all of us C permits come in attacking every parking lot after 4!

I would love to have one weekend where someone's throw up in the dorm bathroom from Friday night was cleaned up by Sunday morning.

To the guy with the turtle backpack, where are you? I miss seeing you every morning.

I love pizza night and a box of wine with my girlfriends.

Spreading the force

Andrew Ray Gorman
OPINION COLUMNIST

Early in the morning, two rings are heard at the door. You groan, shifting out of your bed and into your slippers. With last night's party blurring through your head, you approach the door. "Mormons again," you mutter to yourself as you open the door. But instead of two individuals wearing their iconic white collar shirt and tie, you see two individuals wearing robes with a serene expression in their faces.

They are members of the Jedi order, and no, they are not role-players from the comic book convention.

Taking inspiration from the swashbuckling Jedi in the films, a new religion has developed surrounding the teachings of the Jedi. Being clear on the separation of fact from fiction, they combine concepts that branch from the many other religious traditions.

We find from the films that there are many virtues that are promoted by experienced Jedi, such as prolonged patience, control of emotions, etc. There is an almost Zen quality to the Jedi Wisdom.

Jediism didn't just spontaneously erupt as a religion, however. It came out in the last decade in the United Kingdom as people listed the term "Jedi" on the census forms.

Although more of a joke for many, it has evolved into something more. At the website <http://www.templeofthejediorder.org/>, you can find a sort of "online church." They have different ranks for members, various courses of study, a forum and all sorts of nifty things for the incoming padawan.

It almost makes you think about making your own

religion. And I mean, why not? They pop up all the time. Most mainstream religions begin with a single individual who either claims to have undergone some form of

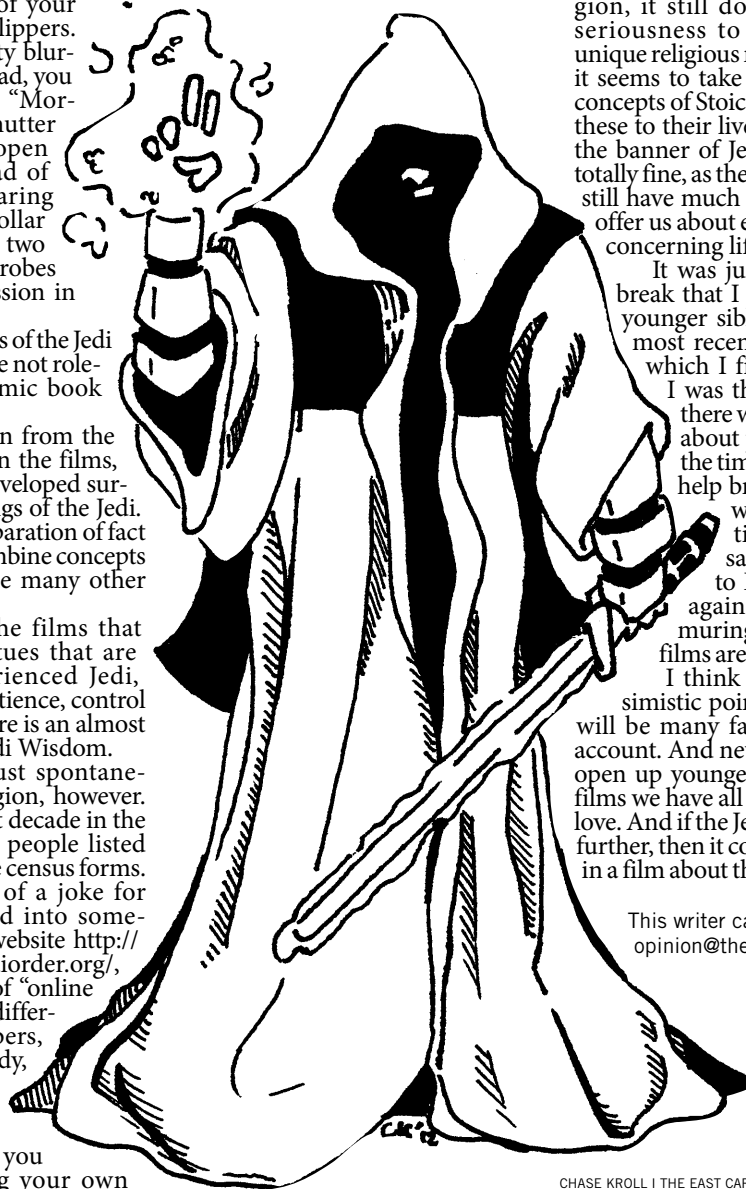
transformation, or is seen to have done so, and inspire others to join them in spreading this new way of life, or risk it fading into obscurity.

Despite having become a religion, it still doesn't take on the seriousness to be considered a unique religious movement. Rather, it seems to take largely the ethical concepts of Stoic thought and apply these to their lives, although under the banner of Jediism. And this is totally fine, as the Stoic philosophers still have much practical advice to offer us about everyday situations concerning life.

It was just over the winter break that I sat down with my younger siblings to watch the most recent Star Wars films, which I first watched when I was their age. Although there were many critiques about producing these at the time, they were able to help bring Star Wars to a whole new generation. And with the sale of the franchise to Disney, there were again these same murmurings about how new films are going to suck now.

I think that this is a pessimistic point of view, as there will be many factors to take into account. And new films will always open up younger audiences to the films we have all come to know and love. And if the Jedi religion spreads further, then it could lead to interest in a film about the life of a Jedi sage.

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A day in the life of a server

Jessica Powell
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Until you have worked in a restaurant, you really have no idea what it entails to be a server, or waiter.

Typical daily events range from enjoyable to unequivocally maddening. As a server, your eyes are opened to a whole new world of the eclectic array of interesting characters and situations you will run into working in the hospitality industry.

It's 4 p.m. on a Friday night as I prepare for my shift at 5 p.m. The truth is, the better you look, the better your tips will be. No one wants a slob walking up to their table when they are trying to enjoy their night out. Once my face is plastered with enough makeup to suffice for the evening, I eagerly head to work with much anticipation for the hectic night ahead.

Upon my arrival, I clock-in for my measly \$2.13 an hour, eat a few crackers, chug a Red Bull and then greet my first table.

The hostess awakens me from my daydream, I glue a smile on my face no matter what mood I am in at the time, and I approach the table.

"Hello, my name is Jessica and I'll be taking care of you, how are you?" I am quickly cut off by an abrupt shout "SWEET TEA!"

I begin again. "How are you all doing this evening?"

In the back of my mind I'm thinking, "this should be fabulous."

Forty drink refills later; this party of eight is ready to order. As you go around the table, the slew of mispronounced and completely modified entrees begins. It is simply impossible for a guest to order a menu item the way it is prepared. If you are a vegan, vegetarian, or are taking a stab at the whole "gluten-free" fad, then you should know what you are, and are not allowed to eat. Unfortunately for the both of us, I do not have a degree in nutrition and cannot tell you what the precise nutritional facts are of a taco.

After I painstakingly figure out what everyone wants, I rush back to

the computer to wait in line to put your order in. The person in front of me is taking entirely too long to put in a simple margarita order, so I trudge to the back of the restaurant, put in your order and then fetch the millionth drink refill.

When the food is finally ready and comes up in the window, there is always something wrong. The amount of food the kitchen serves in a restaurant will inevitably cause a few minor mistakes. So when there is lettuce on your burger when the server rang up "no lettuce" and you're slowly deducting money from my tip for the longer wait, I am yelling at the cook to get your



CONTRIBUTED

food out "on the fly," while getting yelled at more in return for my level of impatience.

After passing out all the food and running back and forth to the kitchen at least 26 times to get ranch for every guest at the table, the table is finally finished eating. As well as this table, I just got sat five other tables at once during this busy Friday night rush. Hastily, I ask if the checks are together or separate. A guest pulls me to the side and says

"it's her birthday, can you sing?" I grimace but quickly cover it with a grin and say "yes, I'll be right back."

I run into the kitchen yelling "BIRTHDAY SINGERS!!!!" Everyone is running around like chickens with their heads cut off. After I nearly singe my eyebrows off trying to keep your birthday candle lit, my gang and I, of the most unskilled singers, meander to your table with our offbeat claps and half-hearted attempt at wishing you a happy birthday. After singing, we all quickly scatter back to our necessary duties.

Although the table was needy, they seemed like a group of wealthy individuals so I decided against my better judgment to not include the optional 18 percent gratuity for parties of six or more, hoping for a higher percentage for my superb service on a larger party.

After their departure, I creep up to the table, search through the pile of napkins and half-eaten food, and slowly turn over the checks to see what tips have been left. I am awestruck by the low amounts, and the two hours that my section was taken over by this overly demanding group was futile.

Every server hates to see the following amounts after delivering great service: \$4 on a \$36 tab, \$5 on a \$40, and \$10 on a \$60. It is a privilege to go out to dinner, and if I am going to spend time away from my family to take excellent care of yours, then I should be monetarily compensated with 20 percent of your total bill. It was okay to tip 10 to 15 percent in the 1920's, but times have changed.

Being polite to a complete stranger that is serving your food should be an innate quality in a person, but this is definitely not always the case. Next time you go to a restaurant, try to be a little more forgiving and a little more generous if it is deserved. And remember, if you can't afford to tip, don't go out to eat.

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PIRATE RANTS CONT.

To the guy in the Cook-Out line Thursday night who somehow blocked both lines... learn how to drive or go back up North!

Would like to thank the Rawl building for pumping out AC when its 38 degrees outside and the wind is blowing 20 mph. Really warms me up from walking to class.

To the ECU cop that gave me a window tint ticket, clearly my truck was a danger to society and you felt the need to waste both of our time while giving me the ticket...not like there is more serious crime in Greenville or anything.

I would like to thank ECU for hiring a woman that can barely speak English to teach stats for business. You could have at least made sure she was hot.

I frequently hear that Northerners believe people down South are uneducated. If that is true, why are there so many Yankees coming to school here?

I read the Pirate Rants before I even get out of bed for my early classes on Tuesday and Thursday. I find that doing this helps wake me up. But lately I have been disappointed. Step it up pirates

Girls in yoga pants= my reason for going to class. Lets hope they never go out of style!

It is literally painful to read the opinion articles these past two semesters.

I've been here for five years and I'm finally graduating this semester, my dream is to get a rant posted before May!

We're in college...do you guys really need to be potty trained?

To all the Northerners hating on the South's reaction to snow, let's talk about ya'lls reaction to hurricanes... silence.

Why cant spring hurry up so the sundresses and cowgirl boots can come out -Lonely country boy.

Will someone PLEASE do something to get rid of the pigeons at the Bellamy? They're starting to nest in the stairs and poop everywhere.

After attending the WWE event this past Saturday, I would like to request that in May when I graduate I get to walk across the stage under the X of flashing Purple and Gold lights :)

I remember coming to ECU in high school and seeing lots of coins in the water fountain. Now there is none. I blame our president. He has left us with NO hope and NO change.

I'm paying extra money for this program on campus to make life-long relationships??? I thought that's what dating websites were for...

To the guy I gave a Sup Dog's cheese fry to outside the dorms: You were cute, and really friendly!

Why do you attend a Southern school if you think the North is so great and hate Southern culture?

John Harbaugh is the sexiest NFL coach in the league.

Boxed wine is the new black.

FASHION

Men's fashion do's and don'ts for Spring 2013

Lindy Maddox
FASHION COLUMNIST



Men's fashion is one sector that, at least on college campuses, often get's over looked.

Most guys at the university head to class in sweatpants, jeans, t-shirts and a hoodie of some sort. Lucky for you guys, I'm here to tell you about some trends that can take your wardrobe to the next level. Think you have a defined "sense of style" right now? Just wait.

The first trend that we're going to discuss today, folks, is stripes. As we know, stripes have been a trend in women's wear that has been running rampant as long as we can remember. Whether they are skinny, bold, subtle or mixed with other prints, stripes have a hard time not looking classically chic. This nautical design does not have to be feminine. Take a cue from J.Crew or Vineyard Vines; stripes are a definite must for spring 2013.

Another hot trend this season is denim on denim. That's right, this is a look for men and women. This threaded fix is a throwback that was huge in the 80's and now it's back and better than ever. The key to mixing denim is the hues with which you choose. You can't mix a denim jacket and jeans that are the same color. Be sure to juxtapose a dark wash against a wash of lighter tones. This will help you avoid looking like a character from Saved By The Bell.

Think denim on denim and stripes is all we've got? You've been fooled. Spring 2013 spotlights colors that really pop. The signature light blue and white button downs are in the past, and vibrant hues are here to stay. Vivacious orange and pulsating red take the stage this season in the form of sleek polo shirts or colorful tees. Many men seem to think that bold color palettes are girly, but this statement is definitely false. This flirty, spring style, combined with a nice ECU poolside tan, is one that will have all the ladies lining up.

Another trend that is prevalent this season is military inspired style. Army green jackets, shorts, vests and t-shirts are huge no matter if you are male or female. This trend, inspired by vintage looks and retro style, is one that is extremely versatile. Go out with a bang when you throw on an army jacket or a territorial top. This trend will have you marching your way around campus looking as handsome as ever.

Lastly, one of my favorite looks is trendy sportswear. This includes structured sneakers, like sleek high-tops and stylish blazers worn with basic ensembles. I know what you are thinking, "blazers aren't sportswear, right?" Wrong.

Sport coats and blazers are trends that have been adopted after watching big time pro players wear these items to look fresh before and after games. This look doesn't have to leave you looking like a bum. Dress up a casual outfit with nice shoes and a polished sweatshirt. Many men's brands make fancy sportswear so that you don't have to sacrifice the aspect of comfort for style.

All of these looks are easy to recreate and, better yet, extremely affordable. Don't throw away the items that you already own just to stay on trend. Buy three to five pieces that will transform your closet into a new masterpiece. Color, denim, stripes, military style and trendy sportswear can be found everywhere you look these days. Manipulating what you own is what revamping is all about. Adding structure is adding style. Fashion isn't a sacrifice—enjoy what you wear.

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Day in the Life: ECU transit operations manager

Rex Rose
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Coming off of a weekend spent with his wife and best friend, Kristy, and six-month old Mason, the beeping of Seth Rodman's 6:30 a.m. alarm signals the beginning of another Monday as a transit operations manager at ECU.

After he showers and dresses for the day ahead, he makes his way out into the rest of the house and hopes to find his son awake.

"I'm [in the office] between 7:30 and 8 every morning," said Rodman. "If I'm lucky, he wakes up before I leave, so I get to hold him for a few minutes. Then I get [to the office] a little closer to 8 on those days. If not, I'm here at 7:30."

He hands Mason back over to Kristy, says his goodbyes and then jumps in his car to make the drive to the university transit office, which is located about 15 minutes from main campus.

He parks his car in front of the office, which is located directly off N. Memorial Drive on Easy St., and walks inside at 7:55 a.m.

"The first thing I do when I come in is I always check with (the dispatchers)...because we start rolling out at 6:30," said Rodman. "In the day-to-day operation, there is a million things that can go wrong."

After he talks with the student dispatchers and ensures that all the buses are operating

and running on time, he walks to his office and begins to check and respond to emails.

From 8:30-9:30 a.m. he works on handling some of the 140 student employees' concerns and issues that they have e-mailed him about the prior afternoon and night.

Next, Rodman spends the late morning hours from around 9:30 a.m. to noon analyzing the happenings of the previous day or week.

"We have a database that tracks any problem areas, and I'm looking for the past day. It could be things such as, you know, an employee showed up late or another employee saw them doing something that wasn't the exactly the right thing to do," said Rodman. "Or, even more extreme issues where a citizen in the area, or a passenger called in and complained, so getting video, investigating those incidents and...going out and speaking to the driver."

Handling incidents and talking to certain drivers can be a problem since the office is located off campus. For this specific reason, Rodman entrusts his student staff with lots of responsibility.

"I have to rely on our student support staff, which are dispatchers, supervisors, people like that, who are on campus all the time—they see what goes on," said Rodman. "They're the link between me and the drivers. I would be lying if I said I could make it without them, because I really couldn't."

During this time he tries to solve any prob-

lems that may arise or handle any specific situations that could happen based on his analyzing of the data.

"When I come in in the morning I'm kind of in a reactive mode, where I'm looking back and saying, 'Ok, what do I need to address?' and if there is nothing, I go into a more of a proactive mode," said Rodman. "There is a lot of research and planning, you know, looking back on previous passenger counts, are routes effective and efficient, looking at other systems to see what they do."

After this early morning of responding to emails, handling employee concerns and researching, he takes a lunch break and returns to the office for the weekly staff meeting at 2 o'clock.

In the hour and a half meeting, Rodman, along with other department heads, such as the director, planning manager, safety and training manager and many others, let each other know what each specific department is doing. This meeting also serves as a way to plan for the week ahead.

He spends the last hour of his day from 4-5 p.m. checking in on students, as well as trying to keep in touch with the many employees he doesn't get to work with daily.

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Fighting Hunger with Bowls



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After success at a previous school, faculty member Bill McCartney brought the idea to Greenville.

Kristen Martin
STAFF WRITER

With approximately 23 percent of the Pitt County population living in poverty, many organizations, such as ECU's Campus Living and Dining and the Ceramics Guild, raise money or donate time and products.

Campus Living and Dining and the Ceramics Guild are hosting the second annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser today in Mendenhall Student Center. From 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., people can purchase a bowl for \$15 made by the Ceramics Guild and take part in a soup kitchen atmosphere in the Great Rooms. The handmade bowls are a reminder of all of the empty bowls throughout the world.

"Empty Bowls is a grassroots effort to raise hunger awareness," said Joyce Sealey, director of dining services. The fundraiser started in 1990 and is now led by The Imagine/RENDER organization, whose goal is to create lasting social change through arts, education and community projects.

Local businesses, such as The Scullery, Tippy Teapot and Winslow's, are donating all of the food and beverages that will be served. "La Benediccion Bakery, which is a place downtown, is donating the bread. Starbucks is donating iced tea and coffee, and the rest of the locations are doing different types of soups," said Sealey.

Last year, approximately 30 bowls were sold in advance, but over 200 were sold during the two and a half hour event. "This year, we made about 200 bowls," said Sara Kurtz, a junior art and Hispanic studies double major, who is the

president of the Ceramics Guild. "I know they have some left over from last year too, so we're just adding to the stock."

There will be a variety of bowls available for purchase. "They're all really different because we have so many different people participating and making the bowls and everyone has a different color palette that they like," said Kurtz. "There's some really earthy, crunchy brown-colored bowls and there's also some really poppy bright yellow and bright red bowls."

Being able to see how your efforts are appreciated was one perk for organizers. "It was really nice being able to watch people look at our bowls and pick them up and decide which one they wanted," said Kurtz.

The inspiration for the fundraiser came from a faculty member. "Bill McCartney, who is the associate vice chancellor for Campus Living and Dining, did this back at one of his previous schools, and it was a really big event," said Sealey. "He brought the idea here and we thought this would be pretty cool; something to raise awareness because there's a lot of hunger in Eastern North Carolina."

The Ceramics Guild also benefits from the fundraiser. "It's a great opportunity for our guild to get together. We have a bowl party where we get together one day and just make bowls all day and hang out," said Kurtz. "It's a lot of fun for us because we get to actually have an event where we can spend time together."

It's also a great opportunity for the guild to practice the university's motto of serving the community. "As art majors, we tend to stick to the art building and we're kind of isolated and

Yoga blossoms in Uptown Greenville

Amanda Cooper
STAFF WRITER

It's the first week of February and how many of us can say we are still keeping with our New Year's Resolution?

Maybe the resolution was something new or to exercise more, but we quickly gave up when it became boring or disheartening. Well, don't give up.

Purple Blossom Yoga Studio opened its doors to the community about a month ago and hopes to open your heart, body and mind with several different yoga classes varying from hot yoga to fundamentals and vinyasa flow.

"The first class you take is free, so there's no reason not to try it out," Ivona Spady, senior relations major said. "Who knows, you could really change your life."

Suzanne McCartney, owner and instructor at Purple Blossom studio, said she has a mixture of different classes so someone can pick which one they like.

Purple Blossom welcomes everyone with a variety of classes for all levels. For beginners, Purple Blossom offers an all levels class where teachers go through each individual pose step by step, while also providing modifications for those more advanced students seeking a challenge.

"We may have five or six all levels classes, but they're all different depending on which of the five instructors are teaching it that day," McCartney said.

McCartney said the most popular classes being offered right now are: Rock and Flow, which is a vinyasa flow class, but to an eclectic mix of music that changes daily; and hot yoga, where more advanced students practice their poses in an 85 degree room.

"The tendency is if you don't know yoga very much is to over-stretch and over-reach yourself," McCartney said. "So, you have to be a little more careful with yourself when you are in those hot classes, not to over do it."

Spady, who has attended several hot yoga classes, said that the student-to-instructor ratio is small enough to be given special attention and guidance through moves designed for a specific level of expertise.

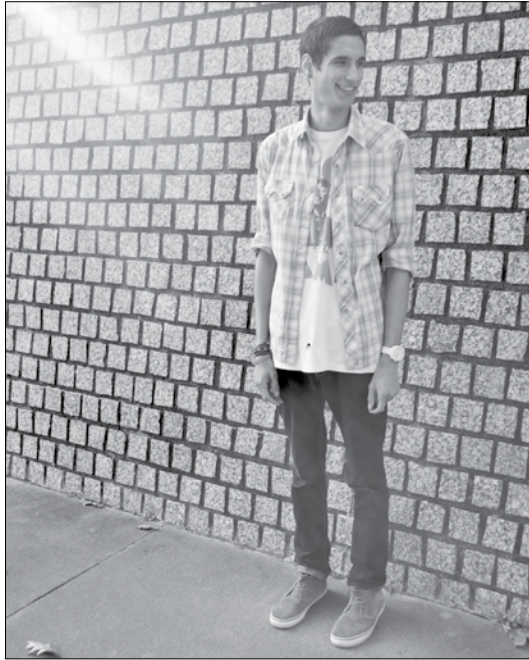
"They welcome all levels of yogis," Spady said. Besides the specific all levels class, there are several other classes where all levels of yoga

Men's spring fashion photos



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Jonathon Valle, senior animation major, shows off some this spring's fashion trends, which include striped shirts, denim on denim and military inspired clothing.



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Purple Blossom Yoga Studio offers a variety classes, including hot yoga and vinyasa flow.

practitioners are encouraged to join. A few of them are: rise and shine yoga, mindful flow yoga, basic alignment yoga and lunch-mini yoga, where you can come on your lunch break and have a 40-minute, non-sweaty yoga session followed by a healthy lunch provided by Sam and Mike's Raw Munchies.

"It gives them lunch to take away, which is something so often missed when you chose to do your workout (on your break)," McCartney said.

Purple Blossom also offers student discounts when someone pays in cash or check. Otherwise, the drop in rate is \$15 per 60-minute

class, and the monthly-unlimited classes are \$65. Mats are available for use in studio and you must register online prior to the class someone wishes to attend.

McCartney just asks that people try it.

"The basis of yoga is stress and anxiety reduction," McCartney said. "I haven't had anyone come in here and complain that they didn't feel good at the end."

She hopes the studio will have more masculinity come through its doors so one day she can incorporate a class designed more specifically for men.

"We like the guys to come in...they help bring a dif-

ferent energy to the class," McCartney said.

Greta Belanus, graduate student and clinical exercise specialist, said don't let the commercials fool you; yoga is not just about flexibility.

"It fits into a cross disciplinary exercise program really well because every program needs a recovery day," explained Belanus. "And, you get strength, you get the flexibility, you get the blood flowing and the body moving, but you don't abuse the body in any way."

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secluded, so we love being able to participate in the community with other organizations on campus," said Kurtz.

Furthermore, the fundraiser educates people about the food bank. Last year, they showed a PowerPoint at the beginning of the event that had pictures of soup kitchens around North Carolina, as well as a food warehouse. "It was really interesting and educating," said Kurtz. "We got to learn what happened behind the scenes and where our money, our contribution and our efforts were going to."

All of the proceeds for the event will be given to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. Mendenhall is providing parking in the lot outside of the student center for event-goers and tickets are available at the Central Ticket Office.

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Women's Basketball prepares for CUSA showdown in Houston

Craig Barnes Jr.
STAFF WRITER

Riding a four game win streak, the Lady Pirates will be in Houston tonight to battle the Houston Cougars in a pivotal Conference USA matchup.

The Lady Pirates are entering the game 15-5 overall and 5-2 in C-USA, placing them in a three-way tie for second place in conference. Houston has a record of 9-11, standing at 3-4 in the conference.

The Lady Pirates will be facing the Cougars for the 12th time in program history. Even though the Cougars record this season is below .500, they lead the all-time series against the Lady Pirates 9-2.

However, the tides have begun to change, the Pirates have been victorious against Houston two of their past three meetings. Last season, the Lady Pirates defeated the Cougars 83-77 at Mingos Coliseum.

Houston comes into the contest boasting an 8-4 home record with hopes to snap a three-game skid with losses delivered by UTEP (65-54), SMU (58-54) and Tulane (74-56).

The leading scorer for the Cougars is redshirt senior Porsche Landry, who is fourth in the conference in scoring with 16.4 points per game. Landry also leads the team in assists with 91 on the season, which is the second best in the conference only behind University of Southern Mississippi's Jamierra Faulkner.

Houston has 10 newcomers on the roster from last year, where they won 26 games and posted a perfect 16-0 conference record. Last season Houston earned an at-large bid into the NCAA Tournament and also cracked the top 25 polls. Houston also has the reigning C-USA Freshman of the week, Alecia Smith, who has started in 16 of Houston's 20 games and is averaging 8.3 points per game.

The Lady Pirates have been a great team so far this season and are at the top of the conference in four statistical categories. They lead the conference in steals, three-point percentage defense, turnover margin and offensive rebounding. The Pirates are also amongst the top five in 10 other stat categories.

The Lady Pirates have dominated their home matches, but have struggled a bit on the road. They are undefeated in C-USA matches at Mingos Coliseum, but are still looking for their first conference victory on the road.

ECU also has several players that rank in the top 10 in certain conference statistics. Kyani White leads the pack in assists-to-turnover ratio (1.9) and is eighth in steals per game (2.5). Britny Edwards is ranked second with 9.2 rebounds per game, with 5.7 of them coming from the defensive end; which is second best in the conference. She is also fourth in field goal percentage, blocked shots per game and offensive rebounds per game.

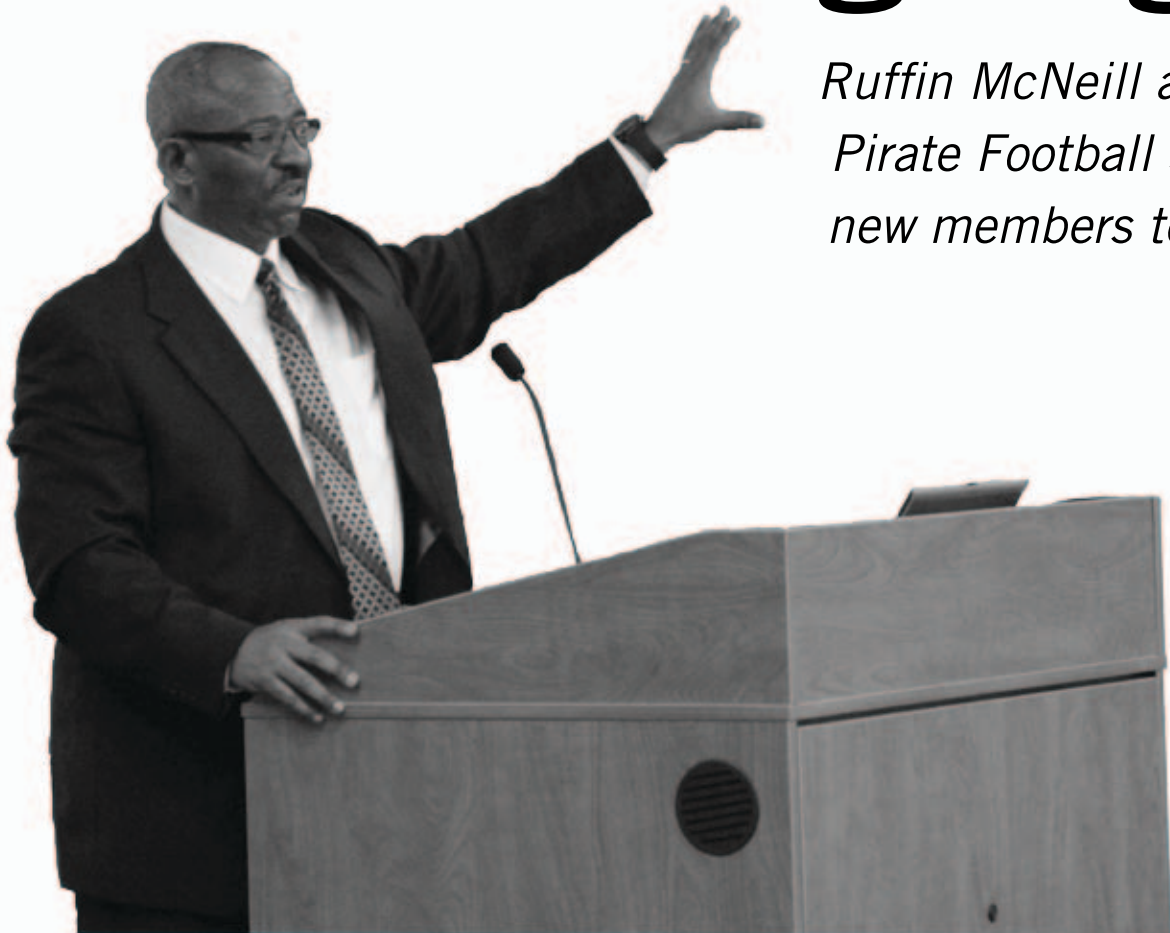
The other two Lady Pirates who are ranked in C-USA are Celeste Stewart (fourth in assists per game, fifth in assists to turnover ratio, and ninth in three-point percentage) and Whitney Edwards (sixth in three-point field goals made).

The Lady Pirates are ranked in the Top 50 in eight categories in NCAA Division 1 statistics. The Lady Pirates are seventh in steals per game, ninth in turnover margin, 16th in three-point field goal defense, 36th in scoring defense, 39th in assists per game, 44th in scoring margin and field goal percent defense and 48th in win-loss percentage.

Kyani White ranks 43rd nationally in assists-to-turnover ratio and 94th in steals per game, while Celeste Stewart is 94th in assists per game. The Lady

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National signing day



Ruffin McNeill and the rest of the Pirate Football staff welcome 25 new members to the 2013 roster

Josh Graham
STAFF WRITER

Months upon months of building rapport and selling East Carolina University has been put in by Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and his coaching staff, and it all culminated Wednesday with 24 young men signing their names on the dotted line and becoming a part of the future of Pirate Football.

"Today is a day you look forward to. To see that fax go through the fax machine and see 19 grown men looking for a fax from an 18-year-old is pretty weird," said McNeill.

Ruffin McNeill held an official press conference yesterday to announce ECU's National Signing Day class.

OFFENSE

Brandon Smith, Offensive- Lineman, Kernersville, N.C.

Terrell Lane, Running Back, Hutchinson Community College

Davon Grayson, Wide Receiver, Suffolk, VA.

Isaiah Jones, Wide Receiver, Austin, TX

Darren Downdell, Tight End, Atlanta, Ga.

Marquis Wallace, Offensive-Lineman, Lackawanna College

Larry Williams, Offensive-Lineman, Wilmington, N.C.

Christian Matau, Offensive-Lineman, New Bern, N.C.

Trevon Brown, Wide Receiver, Wilmington, N.C.

Kurt Benkert, Quarterback, Cape Coral, Fla.

For more information on these players go to www.theeastcarolinian.com

DEFENSE

Travon Simmons, Defensive-Back, Powder Springs, Ga.

Kirk Donaldson, Defensive-End, Charlotte, N.C.

Lucas Thompson, Defensive-Back, Winter Garden, Fla.

Deshawn Benton, Defensive-Back, Atlanta, Ga.

Randall Anderson, Defensive-Lineman, New Castle, De.

Patrick Green, Linebacker, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Demetri McGill, Defensive-Lineman, Virginia Beach, VA.

Devaris Brunson, Linebacker, Lake City, S.C.

Malcolm Ashley, Defensive-Lineman, Havelock, N.C.

Demage Bailey, Defensive-Lineman, Clayton, N.C.

Xavier Smith, Defensive-Back, Raleigh, N.C.

Tristan Mumford, Linebacker, Statesville, N.C.

Mike Myers, Defensive-Lineman, Goose Creek, S.C.

Travis Phillips, Defensive-Back, Montpelier, Va.

A.J. Coplon, Defensive-Back, Havelock, N.C.

Opinion: Getting over the hump

Ronnie Moore
ASSITANT SPORTS EDITOR

Everyone knows of a team that can compete with the best of the best, but never seems to finish the deal and win big games. This year's ECU men's basketball team is my version of that narrative.

In the coming weeks, big opportunities will be available for the Pirates; they just need to seal the deal. The Pirates (13-8, 4-4) have eight games left to do that.

If the season were broken down into three parts, this is how it would look:

The first 10-game streak was completely made up of non-conference opponents. After the first section, the Pirates managed a 7-3 record. ECU defeated some Division-III schools and was able to rally to beat Appalachian State and UNC-Greensboro. Losing to UNC-Charlotte exposed a rebounding flaw that ECU's inexperienced big men would certainly need to improve.

Even after the six-point loss to UNC-Chapel Hill in the Dean Smith Center, I was still encouraged with the potential that I had witnessed. The Pirates scored a record 61 points in the second half, which is the most ever against a Roy Williams-coached team.

The offensive potential has always been there and the firepower is evident, but early in the season, slow starts crippled the Pirates. A perfect example is the game against UMASS, when the Pirates started in a 14-0 hole. ECU was able to crawl out and make it a one-possession game late in the contest, but eventually lost.

From games 11-20, the Pirates had their best wins of the season, but there were some disappointing losses sprinkled in between. Losses

at home to Campbell and UTEP, and a blowout loss on the road to Marshall, halted any momentum the Pirates had at the midpoint of the season. The deep ball is a key cog in regard to the Pirate offense and when they are hitting three-pointers, the possibilities are endless.

Just a few weeks ago, a buzzer-beating shot ruined one of the most complete games the Pirates have played this season. ECU controlled the game and UTEP was able to steal a win on a three-pointer just inside half court.

Through those stretch of games, the Pirates did have some important victories. With a tremendous overtime thriller against UCF, the Pirates overcame a 17-point deficit to hit a corner jumper to prevail. They kept the good play going as they sent Houston home with a 10-point loss the next game. The most recent loss came from the hands of the Memphis Tigers, who have been a Conference USA powerhouse for the last few years. ECU only lost by seven and played without leading rebounder Robert Sampson (injury) and Shamarr Bowden (suspension).

That single-digit loss to Memphis followed suit with the beginning of the season. Coming oh-so close and walking away with a loss is frustrating and personally, I expect more from the men's basketball team going into these final conference games.

Watching this team, I see a cohesive group of players with a strong core of specialists. Point guard Miguel Paul has stayed within the flow of the game and his shot selection has improved from his first season as a Pirate. Maurice Kemp has taken a big jump this season and is averaging better statistics in all

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Pirates host annual Pirate Classic to start season



CONTRIBUTED

New coach Beth Keylon-Randolph will begin her ECU career this Friday.

William Farrar
STAFF WRITER

Pirate softball is back this weekend, as the Pirates host the annual Pirate Classic. Under new Head Coach Beth Keylon-Randolph, the Pirates have been hard at work this off- season, and have big expectations for the upcoming season. The

Pirates will open tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. against the Cleveland State Vikings.

Cleveland State is attempting to rebound after last season's record of 17-39. The Lady Vikings posted a 3-14 away record last year, and a

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CALENDAR

"ECU has had 19 Players on Super Bowl teams, with a (15-4) record. Of course, a couple of these players went to the big game more than once (Robert Jones-3 and John Jett-2. They both played on the same Dallas Cowboys championship team for two years)." - Becky Griffin, ECU Class of '71 in a letter to TEC

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the major categories. His play has elevated the Pirates into a team that can threaten and compete with the best teams on this year's schedule. The emergence of Ty Armstrong as a serious low post presence can only be a good thing for the Pirates.

In my opinion, those are the most important Pirates as the team plays its final 8 games. For ECU to reach its

full potential and keep winning, players like Paris Roberts-Campbell and Akeem Richmond will have to give the Pirates consistent scoring from behind the three-point line.

The eight remaining games on the schedule feature away games against UCF, Tulsa, SMU and Southern Miss. All of those are winnable games, but I would

be fine if the Pirates came away with a 2-2 record. With four home games left on the docket, I expect the Pirates to take care of business against UAB, Tulane and Marshall, but losing to Southern Miss is a possibility. With their lone conference loss last night to UCF, the Golden Eagles are (18-5, 7-1). So they are beatable.

ECU will know how strong they are when they face the Golden Eagles on February 16th. My prediction is that ECU will get over the hump and key players like Kemp and Paul will help lead the Pirates to a record of 18-11 at worst.

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9-15 conference record. With ECU under a completely new coaching staff, they will be able to observe their players face a less challenging team and make any adjustments if needed.

After the game against the Lady Vikings, the Pirates will face a better Ohio Bobcats team. Ohio is coming off of a 28-29 season, but has a number of players returning to the program. Also, with the program recognizing its 40th year of softball at the university, the team has big expectations for this season. The Lady Bobcats posted a 7-17 away record last season, and went 14-8 in their respective conference.

After the opening day of the season, the Pirates will be back in action on Saturday, as they host another double-header against the Rider University Broncos and then Ohio again. The game against Rider will begin at 3:30 p.m., with the contest against Ohio happening immediately after at 5:30.

Rider University is coming off of a 20-33-1 record from the previous season, but like ECU and Ohio, is expecting a good season after returning a host of athletes. The Lady Broncos went 7-9 in

their conference last season.

To wrap up the Pirate Classic, ECU will face the Towson Tigers on Sunday at 1 p.m. Towson is coming off of a similar record to the other opponents in the classic. The Lady Tigers went 25-30 last season, posting a 6-14 away record and 8-13 in their conference. Towson also has returned a host of athletes to their team, and will be expecting a good season with the talent they are returning.

The Pirate Classic is unfolding to be a fairly matched competition, with all of the teams coming off of similar seasons. The early competition will allow the coaching staff to observe everyone in game play mode for the first time, and allow them to make any changes before they host the Pirate Clash the following weekend.

In preparation for the tournament, the Pirates have been focusing on building the basic fundamentals of softball. Along with fundamentals, Coach Keylon-Randolph also had the team work on defensive situations.

On the offensive side, the Pirates are keying in on implementation of offensive signals from their new coaching staff, as well as bunting

and being aggressive during base running. With competition tomorrow, Coach Keylon-Randolph is feeling more confident in her team after seeing hard work during practices.

"The team was very focused throughout practice with great attention to these small important details," Head Coach Beth Keylon-Randolph explained. "Learning the signals is a crucial part of executing a game plan properly. The team is really starting to feel prepared and their confidence is growing by the day."

The coaching staff has high expectations for the squad, considering seven starters are returning from last season. Along with the host of top batting performers coming back, the Pirates also have Conference USA All-Freshman team selection Sarah Christian returning. Christian won 18 games last season and threw over 200 innings as a true freshman.

"As a program, we are ready and excited for the season to begin and have started to reach the end of our preseason process," Keylon-Randolph said. "I feel like we are ready to match-up with some outside competition

and really test everything that we've been working on over the last few weeks."

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Pirates have improved in every statistical category from last season.

ECU will continue its road trip Sunday with a game at UAB in Birmingham, Ala.

on Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

After UAB, the Pirates play a much-anticipated game against C-USA leader Southern Methodist University.

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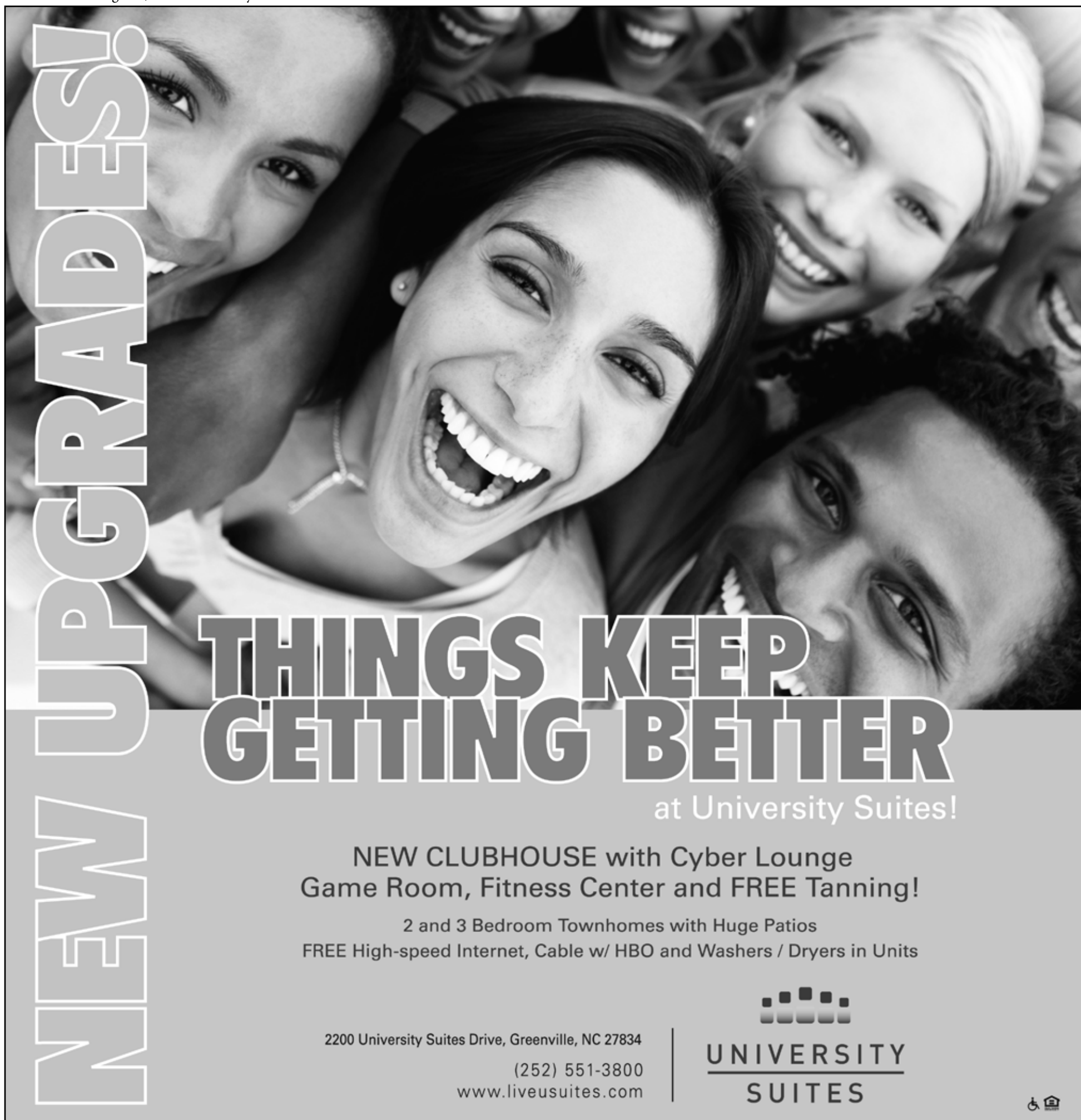
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OTHER

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