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## BRIEFS

## Staff Reports

## Kitty Hawk declared State of Disaster

Gov. Pat McCrory signed an executive order declaring a "State of Disaster" for the town of Kitty Hawk.

According to WNCT, the order will help the community rebuild after the damage of Hurricane Sandy last October. It will allow the town to get state money to cover 75 percent of the cost of the cleanup and recovery, with local dollars covering the rest of the cost.

## Gov. McCrory opposes state run health exchange

Gov. Pat McCrory's office issued a statement Tuesday morning saying he reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of expanding Medicaid in the state.

After his review, he said he did not think the state is ready to run health exchanges called for in the Affordable Care Act, WITN reported. McCrory said the state is not ready to expand Medicaid and should allow the federal government to run the health exchanges. He believes this will put taxpayers at risk.

The state must tell federal officials tomorrow if it will run the health exchanges to help those without insurance obtain coverage.

McCrory also said the federal government has not provided enough information on the long-term costs.

## Assistant professor creates domestic violence project

Allison Crowe, an assistant professor in counselor education at the university, has turned her research on domestic violence into a project entitled "See the Triumph."

Crowe first collaborated with Christine Murray, an associate professor at UNC-Greensboro, to investigate whether survivors of domestic violence felt stigmatized, an ECU News Bureau news release said. Those stigmas can range from acting as though the victim is to blame to the victim experiencing feelings of worthlessness a loss of status in the family or community, Crowe said in the release.

Using stories through in-person interviews and an online survey, which had approximately 220 responses from men and women, Crowe and Murray launched "See the Triumph," a blog and website on Jan. 1. They also created Facebook and Twitter pages and partnered with The Stop Abuse Campaign.

Crowe said they hope to eventually have a donation section so they can continue to grow and will also consider using multimedia to create documentaries or audio narration from victims to put on the website.

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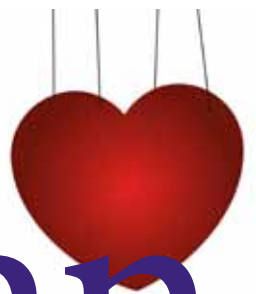
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Restore One hops to help the battle against human trafficking through projects, awareness and eventually a shelter.

## ReStore One helps human trafficking victims at ECU

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Restore One is an organization that strives to spread awareness of human trafficking in hopes of reaching out and providing restorative care to sex trafficking victims.

Chris and Anna Smith founded Restore One in June of 2012. Before starting the organization, Anna was doing case management at a non-profit organization when she got the feeling that God was calling her and Chris to pursue a battle against human sex trafficking.

"When I was doing case management at the non-profit organization...one of the constant needs I saw was sex trafficking victims needed a place to stay, a place for restorative care. So when we saw that need, we addressed it through Restore One," she said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates the numbers of sex trafficking victims in the United States to total in the millions. The organization hopes to help the battle against human trafficking through projects, awareness and eventually having a shelter.

Spreading awareness of human trafficking is a focal point for Restore One. They spread their word through social media, reaching out to a multitude of people to educate them about trafficking.

Every Monday night, Restore One holds prayer at the Boiler Room as a way of spreading awareness and educating people on the organization's determination to solve the human trafficking crisis through God.

Screening Nefarious, a sex trafficking documentary, is a popular way the organization educates

people about sex trafficking. They chose this documentary because it provides an insight into the lives of human trafficking victims in the U.S. and foreign countries.

Appealing to a younger generation, Restore One is putting an initiative called Project So Loved into action in fall 2013. Project So Loved will teach children in elementary after-school programs about the signs of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST), sexual exploitation and where to go if they may need help.

"Not many groups teach that to little kids," said freshman art major Brooke Van Onselder. "It tells them the warning signs. They may have seen that before but now they can recognize it."

Restore One's online merchandise store opened on Feb. 4. The t-shirts are Fair-Trade approved and all of the profits go to the organization, with the exception of the "Hope for Thailand" shirt. Proceeds from that shirt go to Thailand's red light

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Restore One holds prayer every Monday as a way of spreading awareness.

## New reforms affect College of Education students

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A nationwide educational reform that is set to become fully operational by the 2013-2014 school year has begun its changes to the College of Education at the university.

The implementation of the Common Core State Standards Initiative has led to a replacement of the North Carolina Essential Standards that previously dictated the curriculum.

The new curriculum aims to standardize learning across state lines enabling a nationwide standardized test that will keep all states on the same level with education. Forty-five states have currently accepted the Common Core change with the absence of Texas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Virginia and Alaska. The District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the American Samoa Islands have also adopted the standards.

"As future teachers, curriculum changes will be a constant," said Kristen Cuthrell, an associate professor in the College of Education. "Over the past six years, (the program) has been involved in curriculum revisions. As the N.C. Standard Course of Study was revised, course materials and experiences were reviewed and updated. As a result of multiple reforms, a continuum of developing professional expertise for effective novice teaching has emerged."

The new curriculum will move away from standardizing testing at its current state and move toward more college and career-based readiness. The first assessment will not take place until the 2014-2015 school year as it has yet to be created. The new testing hopes to establish a baseline for out-of-state college admissions as well as a national requirement for high school graduates.

Christina Jackson, junior elementary education major said, "I moved when I was in the seventh grade and I remember having to relearn a lot of material because the curriculum across state lines differed so much. I think standardizing the curriculum is a brilliant idea. Having to adjust our learning to make it easier on the kids over the long haul is worth it."

The first move toward the Common Core began in 1996 with the passing of the American Diploma Act. This act established a higher reliability for the states in terms of academic standards, graduation requirements, improved

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## 'Beating hearts' brings domestic violence awareness

Last Friday, the Mendenhall Gallery opened its doors to Kate Sartor Hilburn and Terrie Queen Autrey, visiting artists from Louisiana, and kicked-off "Beating Hearts: stories of domestic violence."

The exhibition, which will run in the gallery until Feb. 26, shows the real-life stories of women suffering through domestic violence through photography by Sartor Hilburn and written accompaniment by Autrey.

"I chose to host the Beating Hearts Exhibition in Mendenhall because it confronts the topic of domestic violence in a very emotional

and personal way," said Kate Harris, SAB visual arts committee chair. "Visitors to the exhibition can read real stories from victims and gain insight into this social issue."

Though the Sartor Hilburn and Autrey's work has been open to the Greenville community less than a week, Harris said the response has been overwhelming.

"People have said the exhibition is inspiring and very eye opening to the situation at hand," she said. "This collaboration between artist and writer has already moved viewers to tears."

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A group of ECU students admire the "Beating Hearts" exhibition that will run until Feb. 26.

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district. The organization's efforts to spread awareness have triggered responses from a wide variety of people. Justine Williams, communication major and director of community events at Restore One, said, "We've had people come tell us about things they've seen. We've had a lot of people tell us sto-

ries about where they've seen trafficking in the past, and are now able recognize it." As a way to fight sex trafficking, Restore One is opening The Anchor House, a shelter for trafficked boys between the ages of 12-17. Opening in 2014, the shelter will be the first shelter in the United States to shelter adolescent male trafficking

victims. "In my years of working with sex trafficking victims, one thing I noticed was that for them to stay out of that life, they have to have something that is going to anchor them and keep them in a stable place until they reach stability," said Anna. "Most sex trafficking victims have lived a life of instability where

they have not been shown real love, so the purpose of the Anchor House is to be that piece of stability in their lives" Anna said they chose an anchor to represent the recovery house because it symbolizes the stability an anchor gives a boat, keeping it still when the waters get rough. The house is sup-

posed to be that stability for the victims when life is tossing them back and forth. "It's really important for people to have that kind of shelter," said freshman social work major Bailey Brady. "We have homeless shelters and abuse shelters, so it's also important to implement these kinds of shelters as well."

Restore One relies on volunteers to progress in their mission. A form must be filled out online, and volunteers must attend a quarterly volunteer training seminar to become official volunteers. Restore One can be reached at [restoreoneline.org](http://restoreoneline.org). This writer can be contacted at [news@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:news@theeastcarolinian.com).

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assessments and a strengthening of accountability on the states parts. The standards were released in the summer of 2010 for state approval.

"I like to think of the implementation of Common Core State Standards as a learning process for all educators," said lead instructional coach

for teaching interns Krys Castro. "Not only are interns part of this learning process but so are university professors, principals, teachers, specialists, etc."

Many students have been learning the Essential Standard curriculum for three years and are now changing to Common Core. The changes the students will have to learn include: citing lesson plans differently, grade level material variations in every subject and reference modifications as well.

Kristin Little, sophomore elementary education major said, "I'm thankful that this change happened when I still have years left to learn the new curriculum. I couldn't imagine being a senior and having to relearn how to do lesson plans and



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The College of Education had to change its courses to adapt to the Common Core State Curriculum.

pretty much everything all over again. I also couldn't imagine being a teacher for 20 years and having to

restart." At the moment, teachers are using a combined curriculum of both Essential

Standard and Common Core to make the change flow easier next fall. This writer can be contacted at [news@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:news@theeastcarolinian.com).

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"I really love when girls match their weave to their bright red pants," said no one, ever.

We have just as many broke people as unfit people, so why is personal finance not a requirement too?

So ready for spring break...oh wait I'll be working. I'm glad your mommy is sending you some place nice.

It's called F-R-I-E-N-D-S with benefits. No time to kick it, no time to bang.

I thought it was funny when the girl next to me in class submitted a rant about Yankees in the South, followed by a rant complaining about said rants.

Remember to tip your servers well on V-day, they're sacrificing the night with their significant others to make sure yours is perfect.

To the girl in my T/TH 2 p.m. intro to logic class that I opened the door for going into Brewster D today; You're a goddess. Please be mine!

My plans for Valentine's Day: lay naked on the porch and hope some cute girl comes along.

You lost all of your friends this weekend, how does that feel? Maybe next time you'll cherish your friendships more than a one night stand. You're gross.

My first Pirate Rant: Happy Valentine's Day to my Bri Boo. Thanks for being there for me beautiful! Kisses!

To all the single ladies on Valentines Day, this one's for you: You're gorgeous! Happy Valentines Day <3

Having coupons for free Krispy Kreme doughnuts on Valentines Day makes up for not having a date!!

I'm here for my MRS. degree, but still haven't found any guys that can help me graduate. Where are they?

Hope you put that wink lesson I gave you to good use. Lord knows you only have game when you keep your mouth shut and even that's a stretch ;) ;)

You shouldn't feel bad being alone this Valentines Day... think of all the men and women overseas defending this country who are away from their loved ones.

I don't see why people complain about being alone on Valentine's Day. They're alone every other day, too.

Am I allowed to put on my resume that I got a Pirate Rant published?

Someone should talk to that ginger that wears all those Zelda shirts. She looks lonely.

If no one comes from the future to stop you from doing something, how bad of a decision could it really be?

Contrary to your claims, things got unexplainably weird and you DID end up being an a\*\*hole! I sure do love being right all the time. Me: 1, Neighbor: 0.

@ECUsluts, I think it's time to grow up. Eventually no one is going to want your overused conceded selves.

Your orange face...in the winter...it's not fooling anyone.

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Is it rude to ask for the Wifi password at a party?

# Going solo on Valentine's Day

Jessica Powell

OPINION COLUMNIST

Dear Valentine's Day, thank you again for the annual reminder that I am single. Clearly this Cupid guy has terrible aim or has run out of arrows. Every February I mope around, cursing this commercial holiday and glaring at every sparkly pink token gift and flower display in sight; but this year will be different. February 14, 2013 will be a day to celebrate the single life, and all of the benefits that come with it. Whether you are single or not, there are fun alternatives to make this day eventful.

Valentine's Day activities don't have to involve standing in long lines at jewelry stores or spreading rose petals on your boyfriend's bed. The sort of obligatory preparation that couples do before Feb. 14 is a little outlandish if you ask me. I recently overheard a couple discussing their Valentine's Day plans which involved an elaborate dinner and precisely timed plans, and let's just say it ended in a catastrophic battle of the sexes. It seems that men can never do enough, and women always do too little. So during this holiday being single has its advantages. Being single on Valentine's Day allows you to spend a little time pampering yourself and appreciating the single life.

Being single does not mean that you are alone, so why not throw a party? Invite all of your single male and female friends over for a little bit of fun. Some cocktail recipes that are delicious and appropriate for this occasion include: "Absolut Confusion" which combines Absolut Vodka, Malibu Rum, Southern Comfort, and Green Apple Pucker, "Tropical Sex" that mixes Malibu Rum, Midori, and pineapple juice, or maybe just a few shots of Patron to make the evening interesting. Mixing up Valentine's Day themed cocktails will release some stress and will put everyone in a cheerful mood.

Being thankful for the friends you love and cherish is a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day. This way, no one will be left out. Making cupcakes together, grabbing a beer and going



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bowling, checking out a new movie that just came out in theaters, or spending the day appreciating the beauty of nature and the world around us is how I'd love to spend Valentine's Day.

If you're on a budget, try to put some money aside in preparation for Feb. 14. With the money you would have spent on a gift for your boyfriend or girlfriend, go pamper yourself! A new haircut, manicure, pedicure, or shopping trip may be the perfect cure for your Valentine's Day blues. Go out and buy that sexy new dress you saw, or those Ray Bans you've been eyeing online. It is a holiday after all, right?

To me, being single is a sign of independence, strength, and an opportunity to truly figure out who you are as a person. Author Jo Coudert once

said "The single relationship that is truly central and crucial in a life is the relationship to the self. Of all the people you will know in a lifetime, you are the only one you will never lose."

Although Valentine's Day is just another day on the calendar, it still opens the eyes of single people who may feel unwanted. It is hard to ignore the hundreds of pictures on your Facebook newsfeed of your friend's new David Yurman rings, bouquets of flowers, and romantic candle lit dinners. The truth is, chocolate makes me fat, and what am I going to do with a teddy bear that sings to me? Donate it to Salvation Army.

If you're in a relationship and you are reading this, the answer is yes, I am a little bitter about being single; but this holiday is not the reason, it's just a

definite reminder. If you truly care about someone, shouldn't you show them that throughout the year rather than a random day in February? I think we can all agree that our lives would be the same without Valentine's Day.

In the words of Carrie Bradshaw, "Being single used to mean that nobody wanted you. Now it means you're pretty sexy and you're taking your time deciding how you want your life to be and who you want to spend it with." So for all of the single people that are feeling a little glum or lonely on this unimportant holiday, remember that as long as you love yourself, you will always have a valentine on Valentine's Day.

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# Basketball fans deciding the future

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ECU hoops is an after thought for most North Carolinians with its home lying just outside "The Triangle" of Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Durham. UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State and Duke basketball takes precedent for even a large percentage of students who attend ECU.

Before my freshman year (2011-2012), I had no idea that a huge portion of our student body would be diehard fans of my soon-to-be most hated rivals, but I was born and raised in Richmond, Va, only three hours north, but well outside of "Tarheel Nation" or whatever they call it.

When football season arrived in fall 2011, my first semester of college, I was in Heaven. Forty to 50 thousand rowdy Pirates packed Dowdy-Ficklen every Saturday, and despite our 5-7 record, I was proud to be a member of Pirate Nation.

Basketball season followed. In my ignorance, I approached it with the same optimism and confidence in our home crowds as I did for football season. Granted, the fans that actually showed up to games to fill half of Minges Coliseum generally turned up the volume and provided the Pirate ballers with

an adequate home-court environment. I was also aware that we had a young team that would lose only one senior, so 2011-2012 would not be our year in all likelihood, and attendance reflected that, so I remained positive.

Like most Pirate basketball fans, I had that home game against Memphis circled on my poster and schedule as the big one. February 8. That would be the fun one. I wore my purple to class that day in anticipation of the 7 p.m. matchup, but when I left Aycock Hall, I only saw blue, two shades of it. About two-thirds of the people wearing blue had the light shade on, supporting Carolina, and the other third, a dark Duke blue. It occurred to me that the Duke-UNC game would be on that night as well at 9 p.m.

It doesn't feel odd now because I have gotten used to it, but at the time, I was the victim of a culture shock. I was so astounded that another university's biggest game took precedent over our biggest game, particularly when I was asked twice if I was watching "the game tonight" and I answered, "Yes, I'll be there," moments before I realized they were not asking about ECU-Memphis. They remarked, "D\*\*n, that's awesome. How'd ya get tickets?!" I wanted to reply, "Student Pirate Club, jacka\*\*."

Like I said, maybe I have just gotten used to the presence of UNC, State and

Duke fans here on campus, but Pirate basketball appears to have stepped up this year in terms of fan support, despite the few State supporters who have come out of hiding this year.

The Houston and Memphis home games this year were by far the loudest I have ever heard Minges Arena. The Houston game was a tight contest the whole way until the fans turned what should have been about a 2-point outcome into an 11-point win for the Pirates.

Minges was rocking, and down the stretch, the Cougars could not get past half-court, let alone get a decent shot off in that raucous environment. Memphis was a loss for ECU, but the rabid crowd kept the Pirates, who were playing without two key men, Robert Sampson and Shamarr Bowden, in the game the whole way against the best team in the conference.

This is an up-year for Pirate basketball, as we are playing with key seniors like Miguel Paul and Maurice Kemp and Coach Jeff Lebo is well on his way to his second winning season in only three tries. Pirate basketball had not achieved a winning season since 1996-1997 before Lebo arrived in 2010.

The point is that Pirate basketball is trending positively, with this coach in particular, and students and fans have done a solid job of supporting

them at home games this year. We, as fans, need to continue to recognize this wave of momentum we are riding, and keep cheering on the Pirates in the near future.

With that said, next year will likely be more of a struggle for the team with the loss of those key seniors, but it is imperative that fan attendance does not reflect it. We should never be blown out on our home court. It kills a programs momentum and it looks bad to recruits.

Simply put, we will never be trashed by an opposing team at Minges with the type of fan support we have this year. If fans need a reason to attend next year, consider this: the Pirates will be facing a watered-down Conference USA after conference realignment, so there is no reason why we should not be at least competitive.

I am aware that we do not have the history of national titles and NBA players like Carolina, and I know we don't have "fan practice" like Duke, but this year, it has been a blast to be a Minges Maniac. I hope our fans realize that our basketball team can be taken seriously if we do our part. The potential for growth is right in front of us, and the ball is in our court. Now is the time to show No Quarter.

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Your instincts are guiding you to explore new territory — so get out there and mix it up with new people, places and things! You can't go wrong as long as you are out there making discoveries.



### Taurus (Apr 20 -May 20)

Take your time and make this decision count — you've got to collect all the information you can get. It may take a long time, but your people are there for you and their patience is all you need.



### Gemini (May 21 -June 20)

Your social network is always growing — and today, you should find that your people are trying to introduce you to their acquaintances. It's a good time to meet new employers, or possible romantic partners!



### Cancer (June 21 -July 22)

You may be at a loss early in the day, but at some point, you hit on an old idea or memory that is perfect for your problems now. Just shake things up so they match your current situation and you're all set!



### Leo (July 23 -Aug 22)

You're having a great time learning about your new job, new place or new situation — and your amazing mental energy makes it easy to make the most of it all! It's a good time to share what you've learned.



### Virgo (Aug 23 -Sep 22)

You'll have to scramble if you want to use today's wild energy to get things done. If you feel frustrated, you may quickly find that your people start to feel like obstacles — and then, anything could happen!



### Libra (Sep 23 -Oct 22)

You need to compromise with someone who doesn't really feel the need for giving up. That could mean that you have to be the selfless one, but if you work at it, you could reach a common understanding.



### Scorpio (Oct 23 -Nov 21)

Today is all about service, so make sure that you're helping the right people to get where they need to go. Your energy is great, but you can't let it turn inward, or things might get really strange.



### Sagittarius (Nov 22 -Dec 21)

Productivity has never been this much fun! Somehow, you've found a way to mix business with pleasure in a way that helps you to cross stuff off your list while keeping a smile on your face.



### Capricorn (Dec 22 -Jan 19)

Listen to your inner voice — you've got a direct channel to your ancestors opening up today. You may find that you're confused by what you hear, but the news is actually pretty good!



### Aquarius (Jan 20 -Feb 18)

Help the needy today — more so than usual, even — and you should find that your karmic balance is skyrocketing! It's a good time to show your people what it means to be human.



### Pisces (Feb 19 -Mar 20)

You are having a hard time getting a straight answer out of a friend or coworker — it's just not coming! Make sure that you're asking for clarity, even if it never comes your way.



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# Peasant's Pub brings new flavor to Greenville

Rex Rose  
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

## Grade: A

After a sleepy Sunday mixed with a little homework, my roommate and I ventured from our cave at The Bellamy out into the world. With our stomachs leading the way, we headed down Charles Blvd. with the newest addition to the downtown scene as our destination.

We parked at the public parking lot off of 5th Street and hurried across the sluggish street. A few steps later and we were opening the door to Peasant's Pub.

As we stepped inside, we were immediately greeted with the twang of an acoustic and electric guitar, the plucking of a banjo and jazz-like rhythms coming from a saxophone and an upright bass.

After taking in the blended bluegrass and rock, we took a table near the door, but directly in front of the stage and began to look around. The place was packed. The bar was full of people laughing, talking and drinking. The tables were scattered about and people of all ages filled them, from 20-year-olds to 60-something-year-olds.

Our server, Weston, approached and asked for our drinks. When he brought back a sweet tea for me and a water for my roommate, he asked, over the music, if we were ready to order. And like always, I needed more time.

It really isn't my fault, though, the menu was chalked full of options such as "Redneck Sushi" and "Catfish Po' Boy." Yeah, I had a lot to choose from. In between moving to the pumping music and watching "Those Meddling Kids" performance, I finally decided on what I wanted to eat.

When Weston returned we placed our order. We got the bacon cheese fries to start, and then I ordered the barbecue sandwich with a side of mac and cheese. My room-

mate, on the other hand, ordered the club sandwich and the chips.

With the vital decisions made, I settled into my seat and soaked up the lively, beer-drinking and boisterous atmosphere. While I felt naked without a cold mug in my hand, the restaurant definitely had the feel of a pub.

As I listened to the loud folk music, I began to look around. And I noticed that the restaurant looked exactly like Armadillo Grill used to, except for the stage. The stage is located where the drink machines and food pick-up used to be.

After only about a seven-minute wait, the cheesy goodness arrived. One of the best things about bacon cheese fries, minus the bacon and cheese, of course, is dipping the fries into ranch. And Peasant's Pub ranch did not disappoint.

The thick, creamy and sweet sauce mixed with the bacon and cheese was all I needed to commence to chowing down. At first I picked up a fork, but quickly threw it down and dove hands first into the pile of cheddar and mozzarella mixed with the crunchy bacon — real bacon at that. The green chives that were sprinkled about surprisingly mixed with the salty dish amazingly.

Before I could get too many fries shoveled in my mouth, I saw Weston. While I love many people, at that moment, he was number one on my list. Or maybe it was the mac and cheese? Either way, the food that he had in his hands was heading my way and I was happy.

He plopped down the plates and the first thing I noticed was the slice of cooked parmesan cheese sticking out of the spread of warm noodles and melted cheese. With fork in hand, I began to devour the comforting nourishment that sat in front of me. The mix of Parmesan, sour cream and breadcrumbs, along with other undisclosed ingredi-

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Peasant's Pub, located at 114 E 5th St. downtown, offers live music nightly.

# IDMR students help restore Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Melissa Phillips  
STAFF WRITER

Volunteering doesn't have to consist of typical practices like fundraising, bake sales and manual labor. Offering both time and expertise can encourage great improvement to facilities and people in the community.

Given the opportunity for hands-on learning, students of the interiors and fashion-merchandising program had the chance to work with the Pitt County Habitat for Humanity ReStore, located off of 14th street, to refresh their current layout of merchandise, to promote sales, on Jan. 25.

Customers were greeted by Neil Klinedinst, the student care manager, who then explained the mission of Habitat for Humanity; which is to "build affordable, sufficient homes for qualifying

families in Pitt County."

"The role of the ReStore is to act as an ongoing fundraiser that supports Habitat for Humanity. The store operates via selling donated merchandise to the public," said Klinedinst.

The ReStore's target customer is all-inclusive and varying in lifestyle, as well as current stages of life.

"Our customer base is extremely diverse... from renters to landlords, to contractors, do-it-yourselfers, college students..." said Klinedinst.

Klinedinst said ReStore tries to ensure that the store is welcoming to every socio-economic group.

"That's the wow factor of working there. In one way or another we're helping the customer," said Klinedinst. "Either by finding a really cool treasure or we're helping them get back on their feet and rebuild their lives by offering quality

merchandise at value prices."

Led by Marina Alexander, merchandising professor at the university, the students were grouped together and asked to use the visual merchandising skills they learned in class to create and execute a more appealing arrangement of their area of the store.

If someone has ever been in Goodwill or a Salvation Army, they can visualize the difficulty in arranging an assortment of donated merchandise from different labels and from different seasons in a public retail setting.

The ReStore receives calls and deliveries of donations everyday. "We evaluate and price those items and place them on the sales floor," said Klinedinst.

Donations to the store include merchandise

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# Sexy and single on Feb. 14th

**Mikayla Locklear**  
RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

**T**hat time of the year is upon us once again. Love is in the air, pink and red suddenly go together, and my “interesting” collection of teddy bears could be viewed as somewhat acceptable (at least for 24 hours).

Okay, I’m not an actual idiot. I know that there are very few people out there who are actually gung-ho about February the 14th. This day, most not-so-lovingly people refer to it as Single’s Awareness Day. So I’ve compiled a few do’s and don’ts for the singular person on Valentine’s Day.

Do not hide out because you don’t want to be reminded of what day it is. Sure, that girl might be gushing all day about her amazing boyfriend sending her three-

dozen roses, but that is why God invented ear buds. Do not make a passive aggressive Facebook status and tweet about how the holiday is disgusting or you wish everyone would stop supporting it. You just look bitter, and that ain’t cute.

Do everything that you normally would: have dinner and drinks with your single friends (and no, I’m not talking a la Jessica Biel in Valentine’s Day, because that is just sad). A sport’s bar is always a good idea. Not only is there nothing in the world more perfect than a whole plate of food that can be dipped in ranch, but these spots are usually pretty loud and on the “most romantic day of the year,” here’s to hoping they’re couple free.

Do take some effort to look nice! If you look great, chances are you’ll feel great. I wore sweats last year and it was a constant reminder to myself with every passing re-

lection as to why I was single. Do not drink two bottles of wine and text your ex. Don’t text your ex, ever.

Also, do not ring up your friend with benefits — trust me, there’s probably nothing in the world that your no strings attached hook up buddy wants to do less on Valentine’s Day than spend it with you.

However, if you are kind of sort of with someone outside the bedroom, but not to the point where you think there needs to be grand gestures of romantic love, the sentiment of this holiday shouldn’t be forgotten altogether because of a lack of title. Try a funny card or a silly text; shower them in Kisses and Hugs courtesy of Hershey’s.

Guys, remember, Feb. 15th is the biggest chocolate sale day of the year, and even if it isn’t official, I guarantee you that any female you’re interested in wouldn’t mind a discounted box of truffles regardless of the

box shape.

The meaning of Valentine’s Day for most of us changed when our peers traded out handmade construction paper cards to opt for a more grown up attempt at starting their kisses with Kay. Take a chance this year to remember seven-year-old you, who bought tiny boxes of chocolates for all your best friends. Remember that kid who personalized 30 paper valentines and attached a box of Sweethearts for every kid in class, regardless of how often they got caught picking their noses.

Most importantly this year, Valentine’s Day just so happens to land on one of the thirstiest days of the week. Don’t go out and get belligerent and try to fill that hole in your heart with something else— you’ll only regret it.

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY continued from A4



ranging from furniture, books and appliances, cars, building material and electronics.

Restricted by the time slot of the class, each section of the visual merchandising course was split into teams and asked to create a plan to change their designated area of the store the way they would arrange it, and put their plans into motion.

“I think they did a good job,” said Alexander. “And, based on the feedback from the students, it looked like they had so much fun doing it.”

With the help of Klinedinst and his dedicated staff at ReStore, Alexander’s visual merchandising students were able to successfully merchandise the store and rearrange the donated items in a way that has provoked many positive comments from their customers.

Both Alexander and Klinedinst were very satisfied with the work the students did to improve the look.



Students helped promote and reorganize the ReStore image.

“There was more organization to the room; it felt more inviting and warm,” said Alexander.

Klinedinst hopes the collaboration with Alexander’s classes will continue for semesters to come.

“I feel that the overall experience we had with Dr. Alexander’s class was absolutely terrific. I think it was a win-win for both [the merchandising] program for our ReStore,” said Klinedinst. “We gave the students the ability to have some hands-on experience, implementing the strategies that they discuss in class, and

for us, it allowed us to present the merchandise in a friendly, welcoming environment.”

Klinedinst also sees a future in working with students in other departments at the university to continue to improve the visual appearance of the ReStore.

“We’re hoping to have students from the art department to use items that we’re not selling for upcycling... help us find ways to decorate uniquely,” said Klinedinst.

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ents (they really wouldn’t tell me!), made for a fiesta in my mouth.

Beside the mac and cheese sat a mound of chestnut colored pulled pork barbecue. The meat was nestled in between two pieces of buttered bread that had grill marks. On top of the bar-

becue was a stringy mayonnaise-based slaw. The sweet and tender meat worked in harmony with the more tangy and chewy slaw. The firm, grilled bread supported the hefty sandwich with ease.

After eating, we paid our tabs and scurried out into the chilly weather to prepare for

our week ahead. While it was hard to hear over the music, the rowdy atmosphere and tasty comfort food all worked together to leave every one of your senses satisfied.

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ECU softball has performed well at the plate en route to a 3-2 record. Five Lady Pirates have a batting average over .300 this season.

## Softball hosts Pirate Clash

**William Farrar**  
SENIOR WRITER

The Pirates are back in action this weekend to host the Pirate Clash, which starts tomorrow and will run until Sunday. After hosting the annual Pirate Classic last weekend, the Pirates will be welcoming St. John's, Georgetown and St. Joseph's for competition this weekend.

ECU Softball is 3-2 after last weekend's opening action. The Pirates started with a split on opening day, beating Cleveland State (5-2) and losing to Ohio (4-3) in a nail-biter. On the second day of the Pirate Classic, ECU split again, after beating Rider (8-0) in the fifth inning by mercy rule and then dropping another contest to Ohio (8-1). The Pirates finished up the weekend with a strong win against Towson, winning the game (10-2) in the sixth inning by mercy rule.

The Pirates will open the Clash tomorrow against the St. John's Red Storm at 3:30 p.m. The Red Storm has not gotten off to a strong start in the 2013 campaign. After opening their season at the annual Georgia Southern Tournament, they are just 1-3, with their one win coming in an extra inning contest.

Although St. John's record is not appealing at the moment, the Pirates

understand they must come out focused, because the Red Storm will be looking to improve their record all weekend.

On Saturday, the Pirates will open up a double-header against the Georgetown Hoyas at 2:30 p.m. The Hoyas have also started their 2013 campaign off on the wrong foot. Georgetown is 1-4, after competing in a Florida International University hosted tournament during opening weekend. The Hoyas lost their first four contests of the tournament before finally squeezing out a victory against FIU.

Despite Georgetown's slow start, the Pirates understand they have a lot of returning talent to go against and must remain focused against every opponent they face this weekend, despite what the records say. ECU will then face St. John's at 4:30 p.m. to wrap up the double-header.

On Sunday, ECU will finish the Pirate Clash with a game against St. Joseph's at 11 a.m., followed by another contest against Georgetown at 1 p.m. to finish the day. The St. Joseph's Hawks have not had any action this spring.

Last season, the Hawks finished with a 22-9-1 record and an away record of 9-10-1. Although the Hawks are coming off of a below .500 schedule, they return a host of players, including

seven seniors.

With the teams coming to compete not being as good as some of the later teams the Pirates will face, Coach Keylon-Randolph and the rest of their coaching staff will be able to use this tournament as a coaching tool. After going back and forth with wins and losses on the first two days of the season, the Pirates seemed to look more dominant on the third day, winning comfortably over Towson.

While ECU has displayed early signs of being able to produce a strong offensive effort, they will be leaning on their hitters to do the same this weekend.

Freshman Casey Alcorn hit the ball well last weekend, as she recorded four hits in five at-bats last Saturday. Junior Kristi Oshiro also played well, recording a four-hit game Sunday against Towson.

Sophomore Sarah Christian appears to be ace for the Pirates this season, as she went 2-0 in 19 innings pitched last weekend. While the coaching staff is getting more comfortable with their team, the Pirates are looking forward to home-field advantage this weekend as they continue their 2013 campaign.

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.370 batting average last season.

The Pirates' fielders are in a similar situation, with a mix of veteran and greenhorn players. The most familiar of ECU's returning players will be Drew Reynolds. He is a utility infielder and the Pirates' closing pitcher. He will be a key spot in the lineup as he hit .330 last season, with 24 RBIs and 31 runs.

Two new position players to watch for are junior college transfer third baseman Zach Houchins and true freshman outfielder Garrett Brooks. Houchins batted .400 at Louisburg Junior College last season and will look to make an immediate impact. Brooks is contending to be a regular in the outfield and is expected to have a stellar career at ECU.

Virginia will return several talented pitchers and eight new hurlers. The Cavaliers' pitchers will be led by left-handed reliever Kyle Crockett, who held a 2.25 ERA in 60 innings in 2012. In addition to Crockett, red shirt senior Scott Silverstein will look to improve on the sub-par 2-5 record and 4.48 ERA he posted in 2012.

ECU pitching is returning a large amount of letter winners; highlighted by Friday night starter, sophomore Jeff Hoffman. He carries high expectations this season and is excited about being named the first starter.

"It's an honor to be named and to compete as the number one for your team," said Hoffman.

Hoffman is confident in the Pirates defense for the series against Virginia.

"My defense is going to do the work for me," said Hoffman. "I'm just going to put the ball over the plate."

Reynolds was named to the initial NCBWA Stopper-of-the-Year Award watch list, given to the nation's top collegiate baseball reliever, which he earned with his 3.00 ERA and 10 saves last season.

The Pirates did take a big hit this offseason however, as senior pitcher Tyler Joyner was released from the team.

"We were made aware of an off-the-field incident involving Tyler," said Godwin. "I have made a determination that Tyler was in violation of our team philosophy and he has been dismissed from the team. As a program, we hold our student-athletes to a high standard and being held accountable for their actions."

Joyner pitched in over 92 innings last year, posting a 3.01 ERA and was

18th nationally in strikeout to walk ratio, fanning 68 batters while only walking 12 (5.67).

Both teams are historically successful and come into this season with high expectations and lots of questions. This series will answer most of the questions and be a good measure for their current abilities.

"We're going to find out a lot about our club this weekend," said Godwin. "Some good, and some things we certainly got to work on. But that's what playing good opponents does."

The three-game series will begin 3 p.m. Friday at Clark-LeClair Stadium. The series will continue on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

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"When I saw him in the gym my heart dropped," said Paul. "We wanted to get this one for him."

Along with Jeff Charles, ECU alum Vonta Leach made an appearance Wednesday night. Leach is the All-Pro fullback for the Super Bowl Champion Baltimore Ravens. At ECU, Leach played fullback and linebacker. The nine year veteran finally made it to the top this season as he was an important part of the Ravens season.

With the win over UAB, ECU improves to 14-9 overall and they pull even in Conference USA at 5-5. Saturday the Pirates will welcome the Southern Miss

Golden Eagles into Minges Coliseum. The Golden Eagles are 19-6 and they are second in C-USA with an 8-2 record. Southern Miss was undefeated just a week ago, but slip-ups against UCF and Memphis showed the vulnerability of the Golden Eagles.

Saturday's matchup is a big game for the rest of the Pirates season. Winning against Southern Miss proves that ECU is a dangerous team come conference tournament time.

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Paris Roberts-Campbell (22) scores a fastbreak layup after one of his four steals against UAB.

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averages should serve as exploitable flaws to ECU, who is only allowing 54.5 points per game.

Senior guard Tanecka Carey leads the Golden Eagles in scoring, averaging 18.8 points per game. Second-highest scorer at 17.9 points per game, Jamierra Faulkner, follows Carey, who also led her team in rebounding last season, closely.

Both Carey and Faulkner should prove to be worthy adversaries for the ECU scoring tandem of Whitney and Stewart. Both Whitney

and Britny will battle under the boards with USM leading rebounder Jerontay Clemons and senior center Ance Celmina.


However, the Edwards sisters should have great performances in Sunday's match-up with Southern Miss if they continue to play the way that they have been playing all season.

Another advantage held by the Pirates in this game will be the scoring from junior forward, Kristine Mial. Mial will come into this weekend's games with

an average of 9.6 points per game and a total of 14 steals, after just recently returning to the starting lineup from missing 10 games due to injury.

With wins in both of this weekend's games, Coach Macy and the Pirate basketball team could move one step closer to breaking their current three-way tie for second place, while giving SMU its first conference loss of the season.

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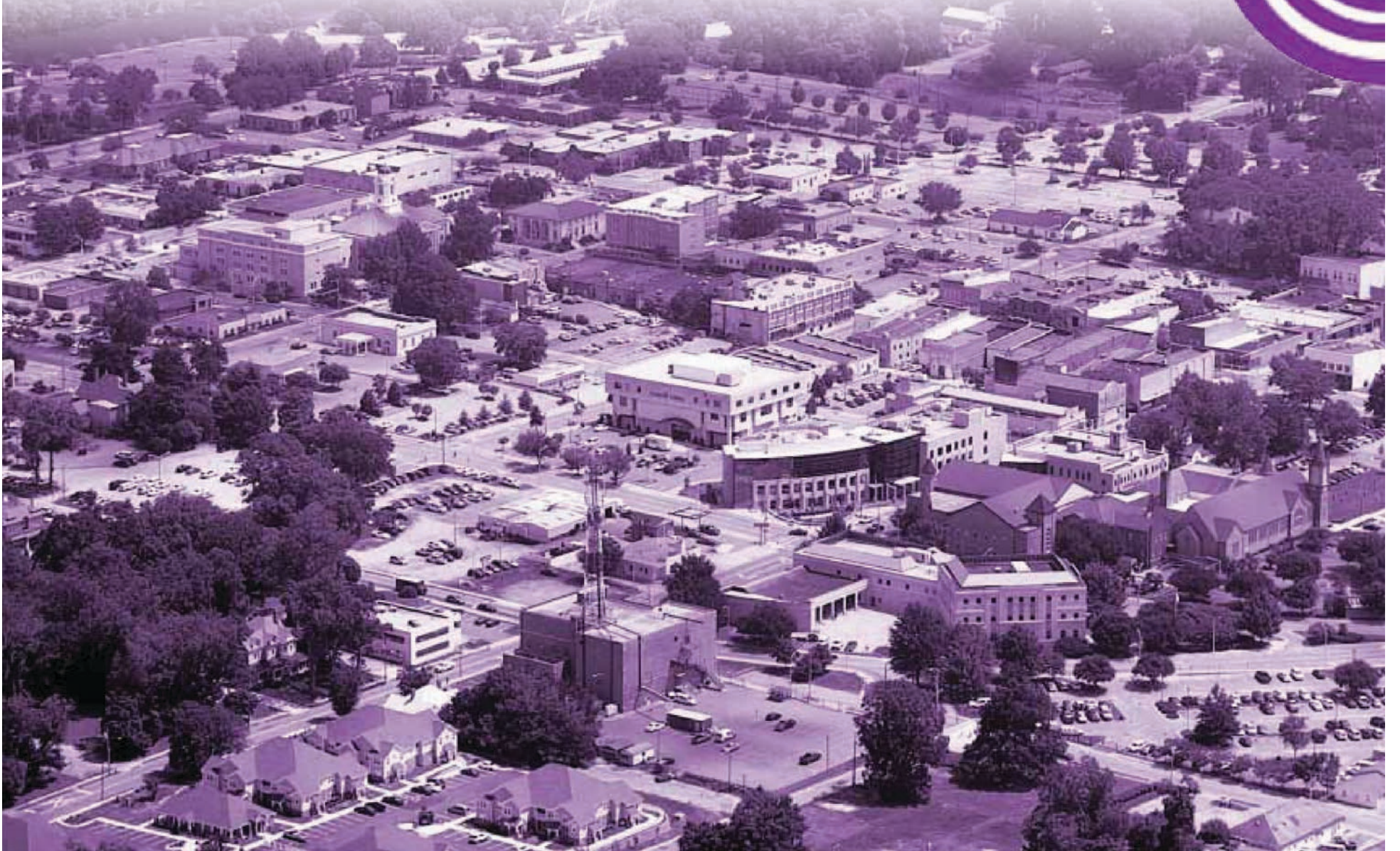
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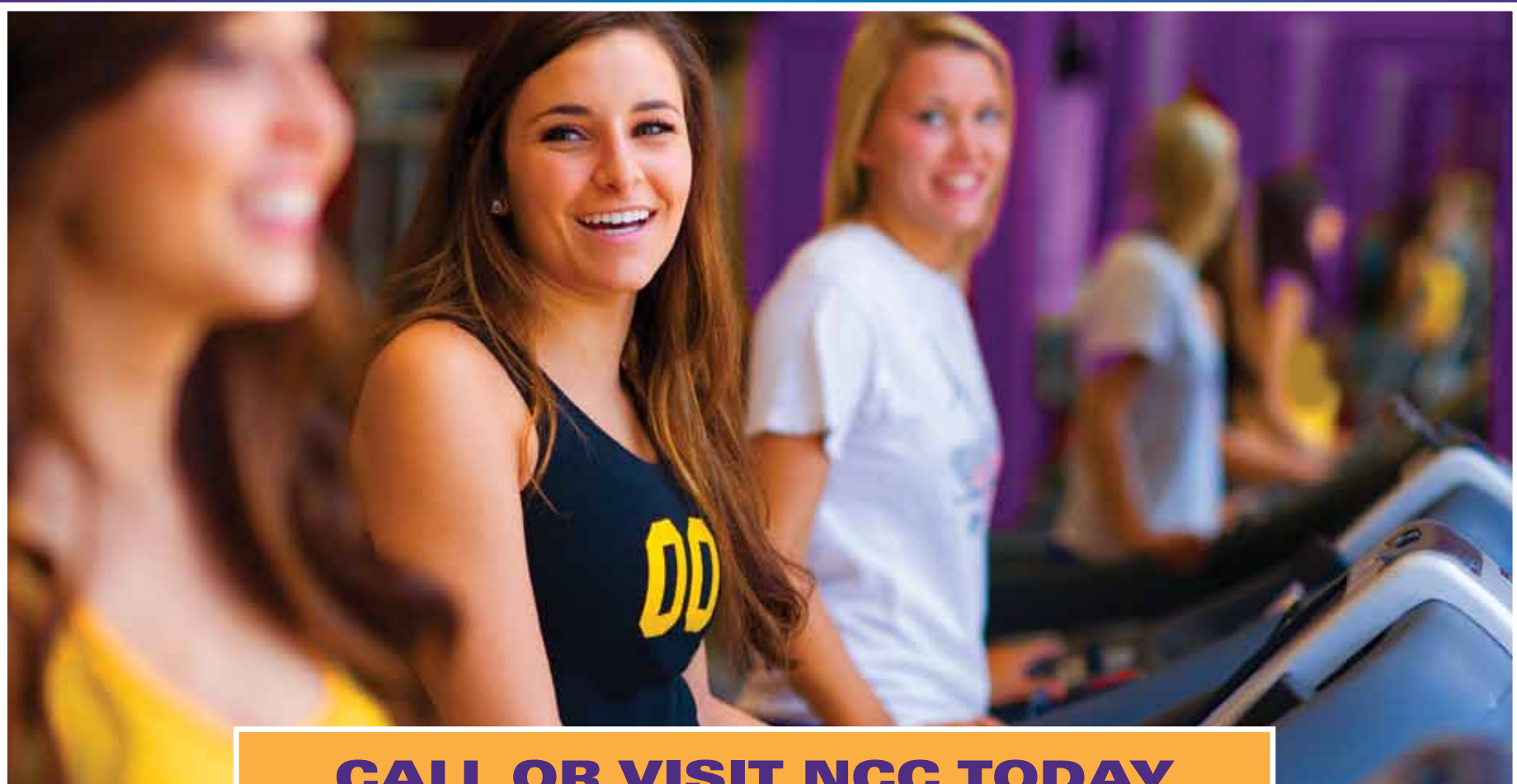


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# Off-campus student housing gives back to community

David Rish  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to give back to the Greenville community, off-campus student housing complexes are coordinating with residents to host and sponsor philanthropic events and events promoting nutrition and safety this semester.

Management of student housing complexes find value in giving back to the Greenville community, especially students.

Kim Quintard, property manager for Sunchase, said she feels indebted to the student body for the business they provide.

"We house 504 students in Pitt or ECU and if weren't for them, we wouldn't be in business and I feel in turn we need to help them," she said.

Sunchase is allowing the ECU Police Department to use their property to film safety videos geared toward off-campus students. On Feb 20 they will host a safety

seminar for residents.

Tentatively, Sunchase will also be a venue for a basketball tournament this month to benefit Kappa Sigma's Military Heroes Campaign.

Gwen Squires, a junior education major had a positive experience coordinating with off-campus housing.

She said, "I think apartment complexes are happy to help out students when it comes to philanthropy events. They know students are their target audience for potential new residents and it's a good way to get their name out there."

For her sorority, she is hosting a spaghetti dinner for Kappa Delta's annual Shamrock 5k run to benefit Prevent Child Abuse America. The dinner will be held at the Province's clubhouse Tuesday March 1.

Jazmin Madrigal, community assistant for the Province and junior psychology major, said she enjoys working with students to



Student apartment complexes hold philanthropic events throughout the year to give back to the students and the community.

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give back.  
"It's interesting because

I'm a student as well so we're kind of on the same page except I have a lot more information and a lot more resources to help them out," she said.

Apartment complexes are also helping residents stay healthy. On Feb. 25, the Landing is hosting an event with Salon French and Day Spa for their residents. The event will include a personal trainer, a nutritionist and more.

The Landing also hosts pool parties and collects cans for the Ronald McDonald House charity. One gallon of tabs pays a night's stay for a whole family.

Aisling Canavan, assistant

community manager for The Landing, said the complex tries to get involved with students as much as possible.

"We always get involved with Relay For Life. We set up a booth and sell cookies to donate and try to walk around ourselves," she said.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is a global movement to fight cancer. The University will put on a relay Friday April 12 at North Campus Recreational Complex.

Other complexes are looking to get in on the action. Last week, Copper Beech held a successful blood drive. Leasing Manager Brandon Smith said the complex

would be willing to work with students in the future to increase its involvement.

"We would be open to anything." In the past, Copper Beech has allowed student-run philanthropy fundraisers to be held in their clubhouse.

On Feb. 23 the Bellamy will host its annual Plunge-at-the-Bellamy to benefit North Carolina Special Olympics. This event is open to the community. All participants get free lunch and a t-shirt.

Other complexes such as University Suites also hold similar events for their residents.

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# Storage to the rescue *turning clutter into cleanliness*

**Kristen Martin**  
STAFF WRITER

Almost every college student has faced the problem of having too much stuff and not enough space to hold it. However, this problem can be avoided by getting adequate storage pieces and knowing how to use them. One indispensable item is a bed riser. Risers lift a bed approximately six inches off of the floor, which gives a lot more under-the-bed

storage. These are useful in dorm rooms where students have to maximize every inch of space they are given to accommodate all their living and bathing essentials. Instead of trying to shove everything in boxes under the bed or in the closet, use bookshelves. Many people don't realize that bookshelves can be used for more than just books. One of the various uses of bookshelves is for an entertainment center. An open-sided

bookshelf allows you to place the television on top and then put a DVD player or game console on the next shelf. Farther down, there's room for DVDs and also textbooks, maximizing a simple bookshelves capabilities. Another essential bookshelf-type unit is the cube storage unit. These units come in various sizes and have multiple uses. One of the cubes can be used to store textbooks or movies, while another can be a cloth cube

with toiletries or extra paper for a printer. For students that live in residence halls or apartments with small closets, there are several space-saving techniques. A hanging shoe rack allows more floor space for a small dresser to store T-shirts and jeans, and hooks inside of the closet for coats leaves room on the clothes rod for more shirts and pants.

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# Housing requirement looks to increase first-year retention

**Ali Winslow**  
NEWS WRITER

In hopes to increase the retention rate of freshmen, so they could one day receive their degree, campus officials enacted the policy that required all freshmen to live on campus this past year. According to the most

recent data collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a college education results in higher earnings and lower unemployment rates. Jayne Geissler, the executive director of retention programs and undergraduate studies, said the university defines the retention rate by how many first time, full time, freshmen return for the

fall of their second year. While the numbers are not official until the fall semester of next year, Geissler is optimistic the new policy will help increase the retention rate from previous years. "We feel often (with freshman) if they're right on campus we are able to work more closely with them, to get them involved in campus

activities and to expose them to other people than just their roommates in an apartment off campus," said Geissler. "If you're across the street from your classroom building in a residence hall, that's different than if you're a couple of miles away waiting for a bus on a rainy day." Freshman business major Taylor Pressley agrees having

students live on campus made the transition to college a little bit easier. "You have to meet people," said Pressley. "It makes you get to know the campus a lot better too." However, to attribute one variable - such as the policy for freshmen to stay on campus - to a student's success is a slippery slope to go

on, said Geissler. Internal and external factors of all kinds can affect a student's ability to stay and the university looks to make sure they provide these factors such as enough support programs, enough tutoring and enough student programming. Geissler said there are

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## Photo board:

### Supplies:

- Printed fabric or wrapping paper
- Bulletin board (36"x24")
- Staple gun
- Favorite photos and decorative items
- Push pins

### Directions:

1. Cut fabric 3" larger than board. (for a 24 x36" cut a 27x39" piece of fabric).
2. Start on the 24" side of the vorder and staple the fabric to the backside of the board frame.
3. Then stretch the fabric across the front of the board
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## Homemade coasters:

### Supplies:

- 4x4 tile (you can usually get these from your local hardware store)
- Patterened scrapbook paper
- Modge podge or other sealant/varnish

### Instructions:

1. Cut scrapbook paper to 4x4 square
2. Using paintbrush adhere scrapbook paper to top of tile
3. Once dry use paintbrush to evenly apply varnish to whole tile
4. Let dry and enjoy!



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Feeling crafty? Add a little flare to any drabby room with a simple coffee filter flower.

## Coffee filter flowers:

### Supplies:

- Coffee filter flowers
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaners

### Instructions:

1. Layer at least 10 coffee filters and draw a circle and cut out the circle
2. Punch two holes side by side in the center of the circle
3. Put pipe cleaner up and throw the two holes and twist the two ends together
4. Fluff up the circles to create flower look

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three basic things that help determine a student's success: a sense of belonging, a sense of progression and a sense of academic competence.

By enacting the policy to stay in residence halls, Geissler believes this will help freshmen find where they belong on campus.

"By having freshman on campus, we're able to impact them in a more effective way," Geissler said. "We renovate the residence hall to make them more similar to what you get in an apartment. We are really trying hard to make this a great experience for students."

Hayley Williams, a freshman elementary school education major, said when she

found out she had to live on campus, she was not disappointed.


"I didn't mind it that much just because I wanted to have the dorm experience," said Williams.

Geissler encourages every freshman that may be thinking of potentially dropping out to strongly reconsider that decision.

"If they can work through whatever challenge their dealing with, hang in there and get that degree, they will never regret it," Geissler said. "The best investment a student can make is getting a college degree and the best time to get it is when they are young."

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# 1

Rule number 1: Do not live with a couple. At one point or another we have had the great displeasure of living with people who fall in love, and you gain an unofficial roommate. Initially you should be ecstatic that your roommate has found someone to spend their time with and not mope around the apartment while you do "private" things. Yet, sometimes it can take a turn for the worst when you gain a roommate instead of seeing less of one.

For example, that awkward moment when you walk in on them being intimate on the communal couch, or when you share a bathroom and someone has left a tampon in the wastebasket. These may be little issues in the eyes of the world, but in the world of roommates these are the landmines to ending a friendship.

Rule number 2: Cleanliness is next to Godliness, and if they are not clean...then oh God! No matter what sex you are, cleanliness is important when it comes to living with another individual. When it is all said and done, no one truly wants to live in filth, and yes ladies that even means guys!

For example, when you enter your apartment you don't want your first smell to be the left over lasagna your roommate made last week, and has yet to refrigerate. Then there might be a roommate who decides the laundry room is their own personal laundry basket and deposits their soiled clothing in there until they run out of underwear. So current and future roommates, if you're not the one complaining about the smell of the apartment, then maybe you are the "pigpen" of the group.

# 2

Rule number 3: Do not live with someone with a drastically different lifestyle. Most of us know the age-old saying that "opposites attract," and that usually is not the case. When it comes to living with someone, you want to live with a person you have a lot in common with. It is hard to live with someone day in and day out and constantly not agree on anything.

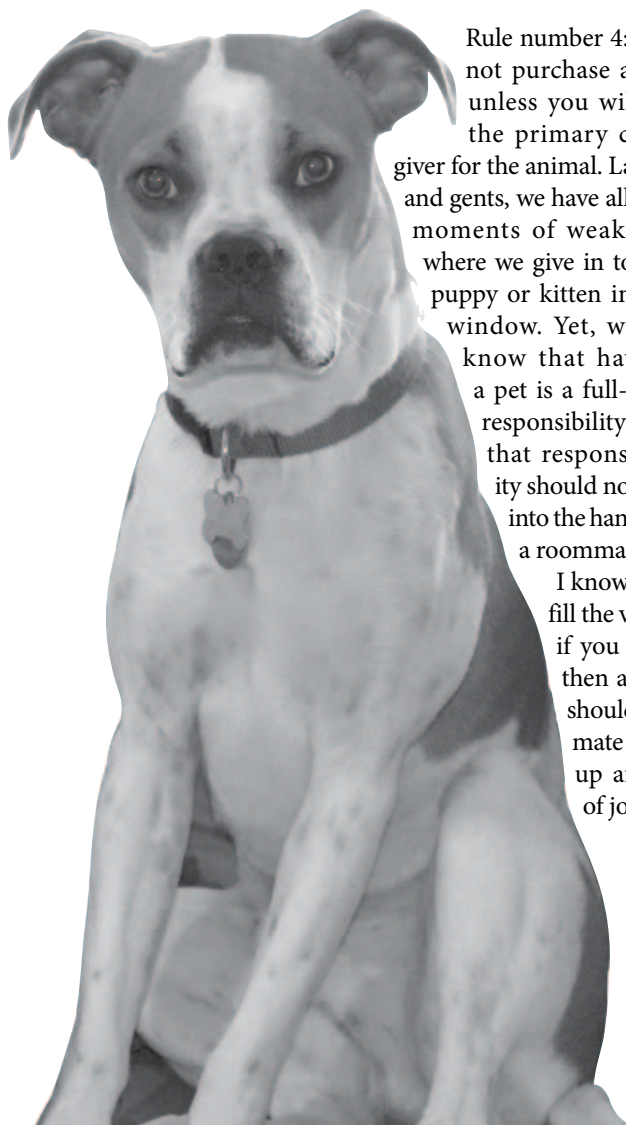
For example, if you are a homebody and do not enjoy the party scene then do not live with someone who enjoys downtown and having people over. That type of atmosphere can lead to resentment and the ending of a friendship. Also, if you are not a habitual drug user, then do not live with someone who is. That could lead to a type of resentment that could lead to a fight that could go to new heights.

# 3

Rule number 4: Do not purchase a pet unless you will be the primary caregiver for the animal. Ladies and gents, we have all had moments of weakness where we give in to the puppy or kitten in the window. Yet, we all know that having a pet is a full-time responsibility and that responsibility should not fall into the hands of a roommate.

I know we think that pets can fill the void of being lonely, but if you have a busy schedule, then a pet is not a route you should take because a roommate should not be cleaning up after your new bundle of joy.

# 4



# TEC's Do's & Dont's of off-campus living

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# 5

Rule number 5: Communication is the key to a successful relationship with your roommates. If you have a problem with how things are getting done around the apartment, your roommate constantly blasting their music before the sun's up, or even simply eating the box of saltines you bought for yourself, speak up. No matter how awkward the situation may be, it's always best to confront the issue before it becomes a problem — but timing is crucial.

For example, don't harass your roommate the second they come through the door after back-to-back-to-back classes. Wait until they are settled down and approach them calmly, not guns-blazing. There's nothing worse than feeling attacked for something that can be an easy fix. Speak loud and speak proud if something is bothering you, because the second something as easy as moving your laundry from the washer to the dryer turns into a full-fledged battle royale in the living room, the relationship with your roommate can be forever tarnished.

Rule number 6: Do your research before you sign a lease. Because there are so many available places to call home in Greenville, doing the simple task of looking up prices can only be beneficial. Just because it is affordable and acceptable for your future roommates, doesn't mean it is for you.

For example, talk to the realtor or the front office of the potential house or apartment you have your eye on. Though word of mouth can be a great reference to start your housing search, don't rely on the prices they are currently paying for their place. Just because rent and utilities cost a certain amount this year, doesn't mean it will stay the same. Be wise in your search and know perfectly well what you are going to pay for, because signing a lease and realizing while you're moving in that both showerheads are broken won't cut it.

# 6

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An item that can be used almost anywhere is the dorm space saver. This freestanding item is made of metal and is meant to go around the head of the bed. However, it can be used in various ways. For dorm rooms that have bunk or lofted beds, this shelving unit can be put over top of the refrigerator and used to store dishes and canned food. In apartments, it could be placed over the washing machine or dryer and hold cleaning supplies.

For girls that don't have space to fit a jewelry box, a hanging jewelry organizer is

the perfect solution. It can fit in a closet and takes up the same amount of space as an extra shirt would. These organizers have pockets on both sides to maximize storage capacity.

The one item that is a must-have for every student is wall hooks and mounts. Other than hanging pictures, hooks and mounts can hold shelves, coats and other storage pieces. They also have the distinct advantage of not leaving holes in the walls like nails or screws can.

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# Messy house?

# 'Ain't nobody got time for that!'

Amanda Cooper  
STAFF WRITER

**B**etween class, work, meetings and internships, this is what most of us are saying when we think about that haunting task of cleaning our place, wherever that is. Most of us will even wait until we can't see our floor or the bottom of the sink. Well I'm not your mother and I won't preach to you about cleaning your room, but I will give you a few tricks to keep things looking clean. These six pointers will only take a few minutes and will save you a lot of work later.

Make your bed every day. There's a reason why you had to do this when you were a kid. Psychologically, getting your bed in order will get you off on the right foot in the morning and it will keep dust and dirt from getting underneath the covers during the day. Even pulling up your comforter over the sheets will make it look neat. Plus, after a long day, nothing feels better than crawling into a freshly made bed.



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Off and away. As soon as you take things off — shoes, jewelry, clothes, towels — put them away or hang them up. Even if you just throw them into your closet or in a chair, your room automatically looks neater when there's not a lot of stuff on the floor, and hey, you might even be able to find stuff later.

See a spot, wipe it up. Don't let liquids or other smears like toothpaste dry or harden on the countertop, floor, refrigerator or elsewhere. The quicker you clean them up, the less work you'll have to do later, and you probably won't even have to pick up a mop! Keep a washcloth by your bathroom sink and wipe it every time after using it. Guys, this means after you shave. No girl wants to see what's left of your neck beard when she's trying to wash her hands.

Designate space. Have a place for everything, and put everything in its place. If you constantly struggle with having a week's worth of mail cluttering your desk or countertop, then designate a space — maybe a decorative basket or bin. It's out of the way, making your space look better, and it's also contained, so you know exactly where it is when you do have time. Or, the moment it comes in the door, trash the "junk" and put the rest in its proper place.



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Don't sit in the sink. Rinse and pack those dishes into the dishwasher as soon as you're done eating so the scraps don't harden. It takes more steps and more work to clear the dishes off the table than stack the dirty stuff in the sink, and then to make another trip to scrape the plates and finally put them in the dishwasher later. You'll definitely thank yourself after it's been done. And, get those pots and pans washed immediately, too. It only makes them harder to clean later after they've been sitting around.



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Make it a routine. If you get into the schedule of making your bed every day or putting the dishes straight into the dishwasher, those things will not become a hassle anymore and you won't have to worry about them later. Doing a little bit of housework each day will help you develop a habit, and make cleaning something you won't even need to think about anymore. So, make the initiative and do these small tricks every day and your place will look better without even having to pull out the vacuum.

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