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Staff Reports

Spring Fest postponed

The annual Spring Fest event that was to be held today has been postponed due to weather. The event hosted at the North Recreational Complex will now be held next Wednesday March 27th from 4-7.

The event will offer free food, beach games, club sports, ROTC and Odyssey Course. A Battle of the Bands competition will also take place that will determine the opener for Barefoot on the Mall.

Air Force hero to speak on nuclear warheads

On Monday, Jack ReVelle a retired explosive ordnance disposal officer will speak to students, faculty and the public on campus. In 1961, ReVelle led a team that recovered two hydrogen bombs from Faro, N.C. where they were accidentally dropped on its way to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro.

A 2011 book "The Goldsboro Broken Arrow" was written on the event. The author, Joel Dobson, will also speak on Monday. Most of the information regarding the drop and recovery were released under the Freedom of Information Act.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held in Room C207 of the Science and Technology Building at 4:30 p.m.

Bone marrow registry event to be held

A marrow donor registry drive is being hosted by the College of Nursing in co-ordination with Be The Match registry foundation. The Be the Match foundation connects patients with donors for a life-saving marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant. The drive is being held in hope of finding a Tarboro resident, Teresa Summerlin Mobley, a bone marrow match. Mobley, a wife and mother of 4, was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2012.

In addition to the registry drive, there will be a fundraising silent auction that will go directly to the Be The Match foundation.

The event will be held on April 5th in the front lobby of the Health Sciences Building from 11a.m.-3p.m.

Grant given for Racial Gatekeeping Research

A project entitled, "Inequality and Multiracial Gatekeeping" has been granted \$191,514 from the National Science Foundation. Mamadi Corra, an associate professor of Sociology will begin research on the topic July 2013 and will continue for two years.

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The Annual Career Fair brought over a hundred employers to campus, including The Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Verizon Wireless, Waffle House and Target.

Employers bring opportunities

Erin Standley
STAFF WRITER

The university held its annual Spring Career Fair yesterday, where students seeking internships and employment opportunities attended.

The Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Verizon Wireless, Waffle House, Target and many other notable companies were a part of the event and spoke with students. The Spring Career Fair was hosted by the ECU Career Center and took place in Minges Coliseum.

Career fairs are hosted by The

Career Center and give students an idea of where they may want to be employed after graduation or to scope out internship opportunities. Career fairs offer students a chance to meet employers and ask questions.

Employers look at resumes and take the opportunity to speak with prospective employees, all while students practice their interview skills and receive information and feedback in a face-to-face setting.

Craig Ellen, regional sales and marketing manager for Coastal Beverage, is no stranger to ECU and was excited about attending his

seventh consecutive ECU Career Fair. Ellen's company goes into fairs with job positions open that they are ready to fill and he noted that fairs are a great way to meet young people interested in and passionate about the business.

"The neat thing about a fair is that you can see 75 to 100 people in one day which you just can't do in a regular setting," Ellen said. "There are currently four people working with us who were hired through career fairs."

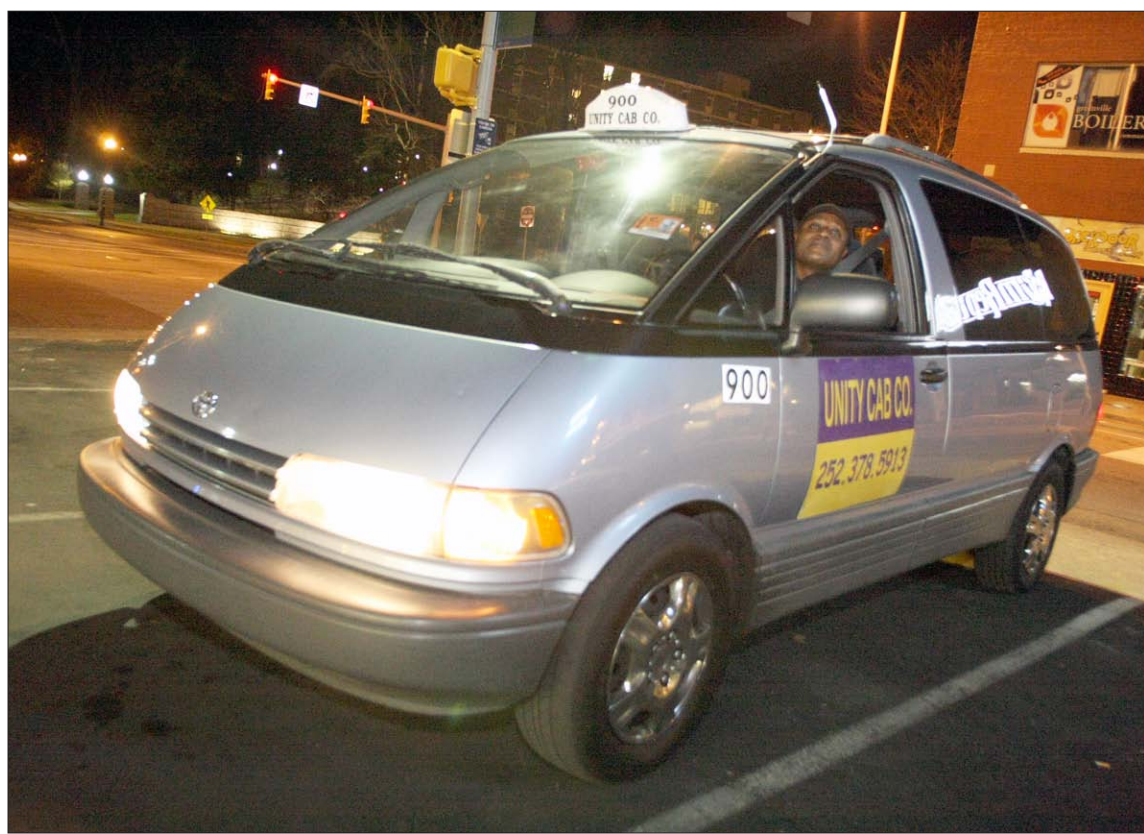
Jordan Gray, a junior business administration major, was eager to have his resume looked over and

hopes he can find an internship this summer.

"This was a great opportunity for me because I don't really have a lot of experience with interviews. Meeting people you could actually work with in the future and having professionals look over your resume and giving you tips is really reassuring," said Gray.

Sophomore construction management major Andrew Smith was hesitant about the career fair at first, but overall was grateful he attended and got to speak with such

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College Beeper gives students an alternative to other transportation services from the downtown Greenville area.

New driver service provides sober rides

David Rish
STAFF WRITER

The designated driver service College Beeper, an online network for students to call and get sober rides or sign up to provide sober rides, is being launched at the university.

According to College Beeper's website, a "beeper" is a student who drives other students to and from parties. Beeper receive payment through tips.

The service was launched in 2011 at Appalachian State University by one of its own students, Evan Jarmol. It has been a success there and has since expanded to seven other campuses, including ECU.

Students may use the service by accessing the website at collegebeeper.com.

"If you're looking for a ride then click on 'tonight's beepers' and then click on your school. You'll see a table populated with beepers who have signed up for that night. If you're interested in beeping then click on sign up," said Jarmol.

The website can be accessed on a smartphone, and a mobile application is in the works.

Jarmol decided to start the service because of a difficult experience he had finding a sober ride to a party during his freshman year. He realized there were students willing to be sober drivers, but who needed a common place to post their number.

Jarmol views the service as a way to eliminate drunk driving by students.

"My vision for College Beeper

is to become so tightly integrated into the lives of college students that the very thought of risking it behind a wheel impaired is eliminated," said Jarmol.

Students at the university are expressing interest in the service.

"I think it's a good idea because it helps people not drink and drive and if they don't have bus access then they don't have a way to get home," said Brianna Chaifetz, sophomore psychology major.

Junior biology major Mayur Kathrotia said he sees potential benefits in having College Beeper on campus in addition to the Pirate Express.

"I know the drunk bus is pretty

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Lauren Alaina to headline Barefoot

Staff Reports

An "American Idol" runner-up is coming to campus this April for the annual Barefoot on the Mall event. Lauren Alaina, an 18-year-old country singer who came in second behind Scotty McCreery on the 10th season of the television competition "American Idol" will be performing on April 25th during the event.

Plans for this year's Barefoot on the Mall have been in the works since last October, but the Student Activities Board chose Alaina in early December. In the past, students were given a choice among five artists to bring to the event but Lexi Scott, the special events chair of the Student Activities Board, said it has caused some problems in the past.

"We decided to change the way the artist was chosen this year because we've had trouble securing specific artists that students have voted for. We narrowed the voting down to genre and then worked with a middle agent to secure a contract with Lauren Alaina," said Scott. "Bringing a country artist has been something that has been talked about by many students on campus. A country concert in spring is also something that will attract a lot of people."

Two artists will open for Alaina one of which will be chosen by Battle of the Bands competition next week at Spring Fest. The other opening band will be chosen by the end of this month, according to Scott.

The event will host several other activities for students including an obstacle course, jousting competition, rounds of free t-shirts, custom koozie creation and booths for multiple organizations that will offer prizes and games to play.

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Hopeful students met with employers to explore job opportunities.

there and I'm glad ECU gave me a chance to get out there," he said.

Not only were the students impressed with the professionals they spoke to, but also the employers who attended the fair were happy to have met a few potential employees and give out advice.

This was the second ECU Career Fair for Jeri Hughes, the human resources manager of Kitty Hawk Kites, and Hughes confesses to being impressed by the student turn out and enthusiasm.

"I have to admit, this was one of the best career fairs I have attended in the last two years. I am very excited about the response we received. Hopefully,

(the students) will follow through and apply online for the positions we discussed," said Hughes. "I have already received four applications before getting back to the Outer Banks. That is a great sign."

The university offers many job and career fairs throughout the school year with a variety of local and out of state employers.

"I'm so glad ECU puts on programs like this for their students. Now that I've spoken to so many businesses I'm so much more confident going into the real world," said Gray.

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a variety of proprietors and representatives.

"I was kind of nervous about meeting with people who could be my bosses one day, but I'm really glad I went. The people were very friendly and I got a lot of information about

internships that I'll definitely be applying for over the summer," Smith said.

"I would definitely recommend that everyone goes to at least one career fair. You just never know what kind of opportunities are out there until you get out

class you don't normally see outside of school."

The success of college beeper is dependent on students spreading the word about service.

"Since we've opened the website to support ECU it is beginning to grow in popularity and while sign-ups to drive are inconsistent currently, they are continuing to increase," said Jarmol. "As more students hear about College Beeper, more students sign up to drive and more will start depending on the service."

In addition to the eight North Carolina colleges at which College Beeper currently operates, Jarmol hopes to expand to other states, with the long-term goal of reaching every college in the nation.

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crowded all the time. I see where there might be a few bugs that need to be worked out, but it's definitely a really good idea," he said. "Not only on campus, drunk driving is a problem everywhere. A system like this would definitely alleviate some of the issues."



Because setting a price for services would classify a driver as a taxi, requiring a license, College Beeper does not record any information about money exchanged between passengers and their driver.

"When someone offers their entire night to prevent others from drunk driving, people tend to feel inclined to tip them for their time and the cost of gas," said Jarmol. "It's kind of awesome driving as a beeper because you end up meeting friends from

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University Writing Center expands

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The University Writing Center will be expanding next semester from a small space in the lobby of Joyner to an enclosed 2,720 square foot facility on Joyner's first floor.

Nicole Caswell, director of the University Writing Center, said, "We're going to have our own space. It'll have different rooms...we'll have a reception area. We'll have a dedicated space for actual consulting to happen."

According to Caswell, there will also be a digital studio in the new writing center where there will be resources to help students with power points and other types of digital writing.

The writing center has already come a long way. Catie Page, a consultant who is on her second year working for the writing center, said, "When I started, it was one round table with four chairs. That was the writing center."

While the writing center has progressed from the initial setup of a table and a few chairs, it's still small, which has made it difficult for consultants to give students the help they need.

Blake Sanford, a senior and a consultant at the writing center, said, "If you have multiple sessions going on, there's a lot of background noise. And it's in such close proximity that background noise is distracting to the consultant and the client."

Caswell said the new writing center will be more spread out so it won't be as congested. The writing center will also be much easier to find.

"We'll be able to meet with more students and they'll be able to find us," said



The University Writing Center will be completed next semester.

Caswell. "We don't really have a presence on campus, because nobody knows where we're at."

Sanford agreed. "Nobody can ever find us," he said.

The decision to expand the writing center is part of the university's current Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a required component of its reaccreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Wendy Sharer, QEP director at the university, said, "The large goal of (the QEP) is to identify an area of student learning where the university can improve across the board."

The current plan is entitled "Write Where You Belong."

"The faculty here voted on improving student writing over the next five years," said Caswell. "It'll go into full-force this fall."

Sharer said she believes writing was chosen as an area of improvement because writing affects every single student, regardless of his or her intended pathway. "In whatever field you go into, you have to write effectively," she said.

That is why the writing center is getting an expansion.

"It provides a place where students get additional help with their writing," Caswell said. "With a lot of classes it's difficult to provide a lot of individualized attention. That's where the writing center can help."

The help that the writing center provides is mainly through the consultants who work at the center. According to Caswell, a student can bring in a piece of writing, and then a consultant will work one-on-one with them on that particular piece.

The consultants use various methods in order to help their clients understand how to improve their writing.

"I ask a lot of questions. The student can discover some of their own errors, instead of looking to me to suddenly make things work," said Sanford. "They will often have things in their head they don't know that they have, and I like to use questions to bring those things out."

Consultants such as Sanford work to achieve the writing center's overall goal of improving writing on a holistic level.

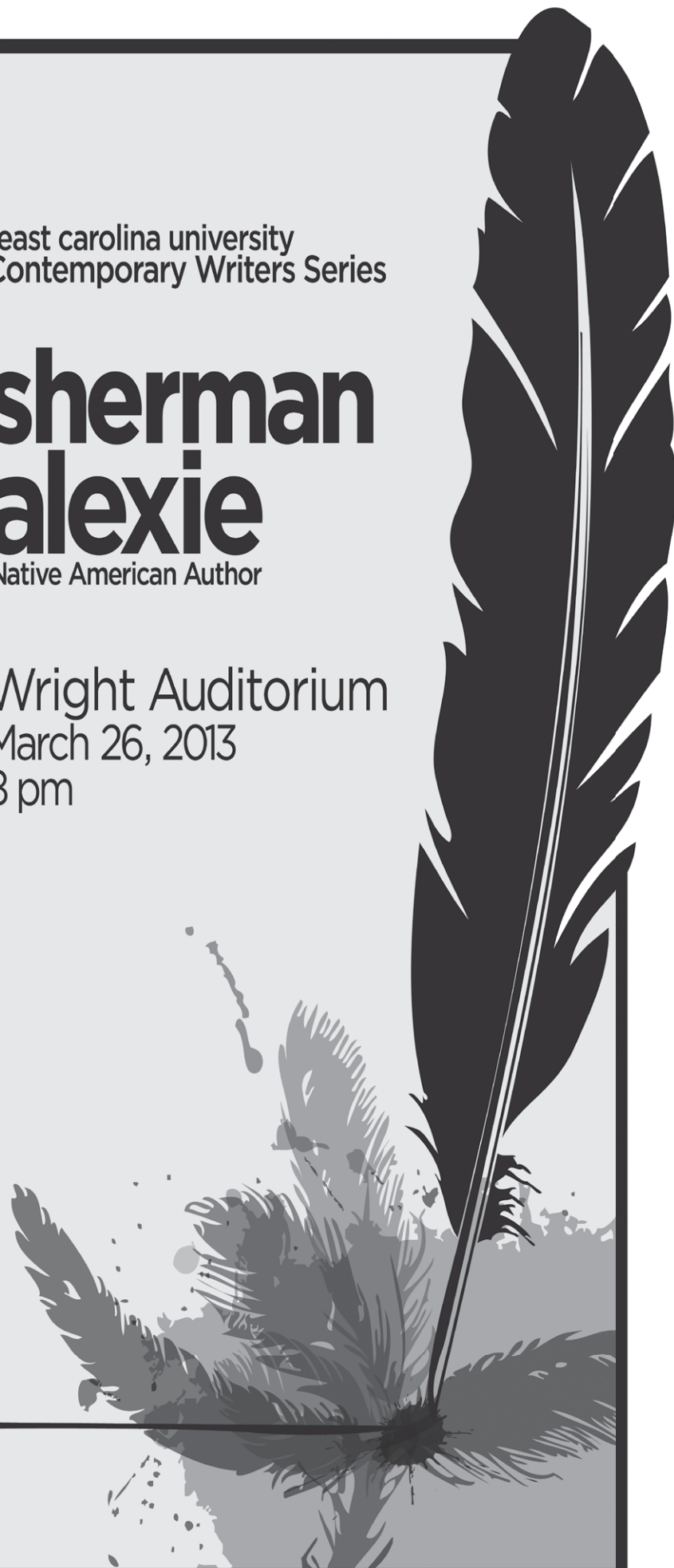
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I've seen people with ECU swag as far west as Texas and as far north as Vermont. That's what I like to see, way to keep the Pirate invasion going strong! PURPLE!!!!

The see-through yoga pants have been recalled. No!!!!!!

I don't know which is worse, that awkward moment when you realize the groundskeeper is the perfect cover-up for your vibrator, or realizing your vibrator sounds like a weed wacker...

The new JT album is great. Definitely a must listen.

I only hooked up with your booty call because she got bored after you fell asleep.

My ex gf has a new bf, does this mean I can respectfully start having sex with her friends?

I swear that is the most depressing showing of the student body at a basketball game this year. Be proud to be a Pirate and come out to support our basketball team at home on Saturday!

Why don't guys ever make the first move anymore!? If we keep smiling and making eye contact...say something!!!!

Thank you ECU for giving me a parking ticket during spring break at the Joyner Parking Lot. It's not like I could park at the C parking lot and get on the bus!!

I'm not drunk on you. I'm drunk because of you.

I'm working my a\$\$ off to get a degree and you drink every damn night...you're such a winner.

Look, I don't even want to have a conversation about it. I just want to bang. Don't bring your judgment just because I'm a girl.

He broke up with you, at least you still don't know he cheated on you...oops.

Spring break was such a tease.

So how come I pay all this money, yet in every class the professor can't get the projector to work...

Anyone else feel like all nursing majors complain about their major? YOU picked your major, deal with it.

Yes your boyfriend lives far away from here and I am falling hard for you. Can we just look past that?

All I have left is a month and a half. What do I have to do to get that?

And when she looks at me, she's telling me she loves me without words.

As the oldest in my group of friends, I feel I have to set an example. However, since I hooked up with a chick that looks like the love child of an oompa loompa and JWovv over spring break, I think I've already failed that mission.

ECU should have it's own dating website.

ECU will you please fix the Internet in the dorms. All I'm trying to do is watch Game of Thrones without it buffering every two seconds.

I see certain girls around campus and I realize that no matter how little they exercise or how much cake they eat, they'll always keep a certain level of backward.

The awkward moment when you hit your friends Jeep with your truck.

Food: The new A-bomb

Jessica Powell

OPINION COLUMNIST

I recently watched a documentary accusing the government for adding complex man-made compounds to the overly processed food that we consume on a daily basis to lower sperm count and slowly eliminate the population. Although this sounds like a plot to a cheesy science fiction film, it made me start to question what I eat and what the potential long-term side effects will be.

A degree in chemistry is not required to realize that many processed foods and their additives are addictive and harmful. Sugar substitutes, fat free and diet foods may contain fewer calories, but they are as far from natural as humanly possible. Our bodies are struggling to process these newly introduced foods, and I do not think this is to our advantage in the evolutionary chain.

In the past, people ate carrots plucked from the chemical free soil and devoured them raw, and if you wanted to eat meat, you killed your preferred animal, and in the near future it was consumed by your family without major potential side effects.

With a world population of around seven billion, and an insatiable hunger of many gluttonous societies, food production is increasing exponentially. Companies are not worried about whether you die from their product, because they will not be around to watch you suffer. Cigarette companies are allowed to sell a product that is proven deadly, so why shouldn't food companies?

Many of these processed foods produce a laundry list of side



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effects, and since they have not been around long enough to test, nobody really knows what will happen after consuming these chemicals over a lifetime.

For example, artificial sweeteners are neurotoxins and carcinogens, but they taste delicious. Diet Coke may be my weakness, but a brain tumor would make me weaker.

High fructose corn syrup, MSG, trans fat, common food dyes, sodium sulfite, sodium nitrate, sulfur dioxide and potassium bromate are entirely too complex and destructive to be available for consumption. If you read a label and can't pronounce an ingredient, put it back on the shelf.

As children, we were taught words like "apple" or "water," not "Butylated hydroxyanisole," which is a preservative that forms cancer-

causing reactive compounds in your body, so I'd prefer to stick with what I know.

These food companies are doing whatever it takes to produce the most delicious product with the largest yield. This is where genetic modifications and scientific experimentation come into effect.

The ability to farm raise enough chickens to feed a whole country would take entirely too much time, money and effort in the eyes of these large companies. Instead, Perdue and many other large poultry producers are loading steroids and antibiotics into the very chickens that are beautifully seasoned on our dinner tables.

I understand why companies take these extreme measures to produce large quantities of harmful products, but I do not understand why consumers allow this to con-

tinue by buying their products.

Like many college students, I am not able to buy organic, natural foods on a daily basis, nor do I have time to grow a garden in my backyard, but we all have access to a large amount of information regarding the damaging effects of what we are putting in our mouths.

The convenience of these overly processed foods makes it easier for consumers to overlook the harmful effects, but will saving money on food now actually be beneficial in the long run?

The only benefit of saving money from buying cheaper, processed food is that you will have more money for your hospital bills when you are dying of cancer, obesity, or heart disease at the age of 50. No amount of money will be beneficial to me when I am dead, so why not choose to spend a few extra dollars to ensure that we are not poisoning our bodies.

As consumers in this high demand society, the largest impact we can have on the future of our food is to stop buying these foods. We are enabling the vicious cycle of the government and all associated entities. We consume food that is pumped with chemicals and when we get sick, we swallow cure all pills that have worse side effects than we had before.

The actions of the people we believe are helping us are contributing to a slow, painful death. But fortunately for us, we are not being force-fed. We all have a choice to better ourselves now so we live healthier, happier lives in the future.

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Exposure will dictate ECU football's future

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OPINION COLUMNIST

We live in a media driven society, where nearly every story or news worthy event is provided to us by a company with an agenda. The old adage goes, "They tell us what they want us to hear." Cliché or not, it's more true today than ever, especially in sports, and for the first time ever; ECU athletics have an opportunity to benefit from media propaganda.

The new Big East (likely to have a different name soon), which is set to be ECU's new football conference in 2014, reached an agreement in late February on a television deal with ESPN worth \$130 million. This might sound like a great payday to a lot of us, but Big East officials were likely dissatisfied with the number. Despite the disappointing dollar value, ESPN exposure is the best thing an ECU fan could hope for.

ESPN, just like any other network, picks and chooses what the "news" is every day, and over the years, it has become more obvious. A record could be broken in any major sport and a viewer would have no clue because ESPN might decide Tim Tebow sneezing is a more newsworthy event. As annoying as this can be, ECU football will benefit from it.

Dowdy-Ficklen is a special place on six Saturdays in fall. About 50 thousand raucous Pirate fans pack

the stadium dawn Purple and Gold. It is the largest crowd in Conference USA and will, in all likelihood, be the largest crowd in our new conference. Our Pirate State of Mind is arguably the best mid-field logo in the country. The pregame routine, leading up to our players running out of the tunnel to "Purple Haze" by Jimi Hendrix, is nationally acclaimed and our tailgates can hold their own with almost any school. Basically, ECU has an elite football atmosphere. It is born for television, and if ESPN is not currently aware of this, they will be very soon.

ESPN is now contractually obligated to air a predetermined number of Big East football games each season. This likely means that there will be one or two featured games each week, and as always, ESPN will determine which games will be aired. ECU seems like an obvious choice for many of these games. No one wants to watch 18 Tulane fans sit on their hands in the Super Dome during a football game. ECU's vibrant colors sported by 50 thousand people, the midfield logo, the purple uniforms, all of it, is made for television and ESPN has to know this. Some may say that we have to start winning more regularly, but ESPN will help us win down the line. The network is often called "BSPN" for a reason. They will hype up ECU and embellish in our home atmosphere as if

we are worth watching, until we actually become worth watching. For better or for worse, they have the power to dictate which teams are successful, especially in college football, and the evidence is overwhelming.

Virginia Tech's football is similar to ECU: big stadium, rowdy fans that fill it, and a great pregame atmosphere. ESPN quickly identified them as an elite atmosphere in their conference, the ACC, and consequently, they air one Thursday night game per year at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, VA. The Hokies have had great success as a result of the exposure from ESPN over the years.

Oregon has an average football history, but a huge advantage. The co-founder of Nike attended the University of Oregon, so their uniforms are second to none. ESPN helped to expose Oregon on the national landscape when they noticed the Nike train that their football team was riding, and the network made Eugene, Oregon a regular destination for their pregame show, College Gameday. Not Coincidentally, Oregon is a national title contender these days.

About a decade ago, the Big Ten and the SEC were in an arms race for conference supremacy in college football. While ESPN and its parent network, ABC aired big games for both conferences, rumors began surfacing of a new up and coming network called

The Big Network (BTN) that would air many of its conference's big games. The SEC was under contract with CBS, but CBS could not air nearly as many matchups as BTN. ESPN/ABC took this opportunity to expose the SEC, which worked out for both parties. They saw BTN as a threat and responded by picking their poster-child (SEC), and they used subtle propaganda to advertise their product. Analysts working for the network would remark, "There is nothing like the SEC football atmosphere," or "SEC defenses have speed that other conferences lack." Regardless of whether or not that was true at the time, most of it is true now, and the SEC is easily the strongest conference in college football.

ESPN has done it before, and they will do it again. Their practices may seem greedy and exploitative (because they are), but they will likely help ECU gain prominence. Ten years from now, ECU football could be a national brand as a direct result of the exposure that it will receive from ESPN. We will be on national television far more often in the near future than ever before, and talented players will want to wear purple and gold as a result. East Carolina football is cake for television, and ESPN will eat us up.

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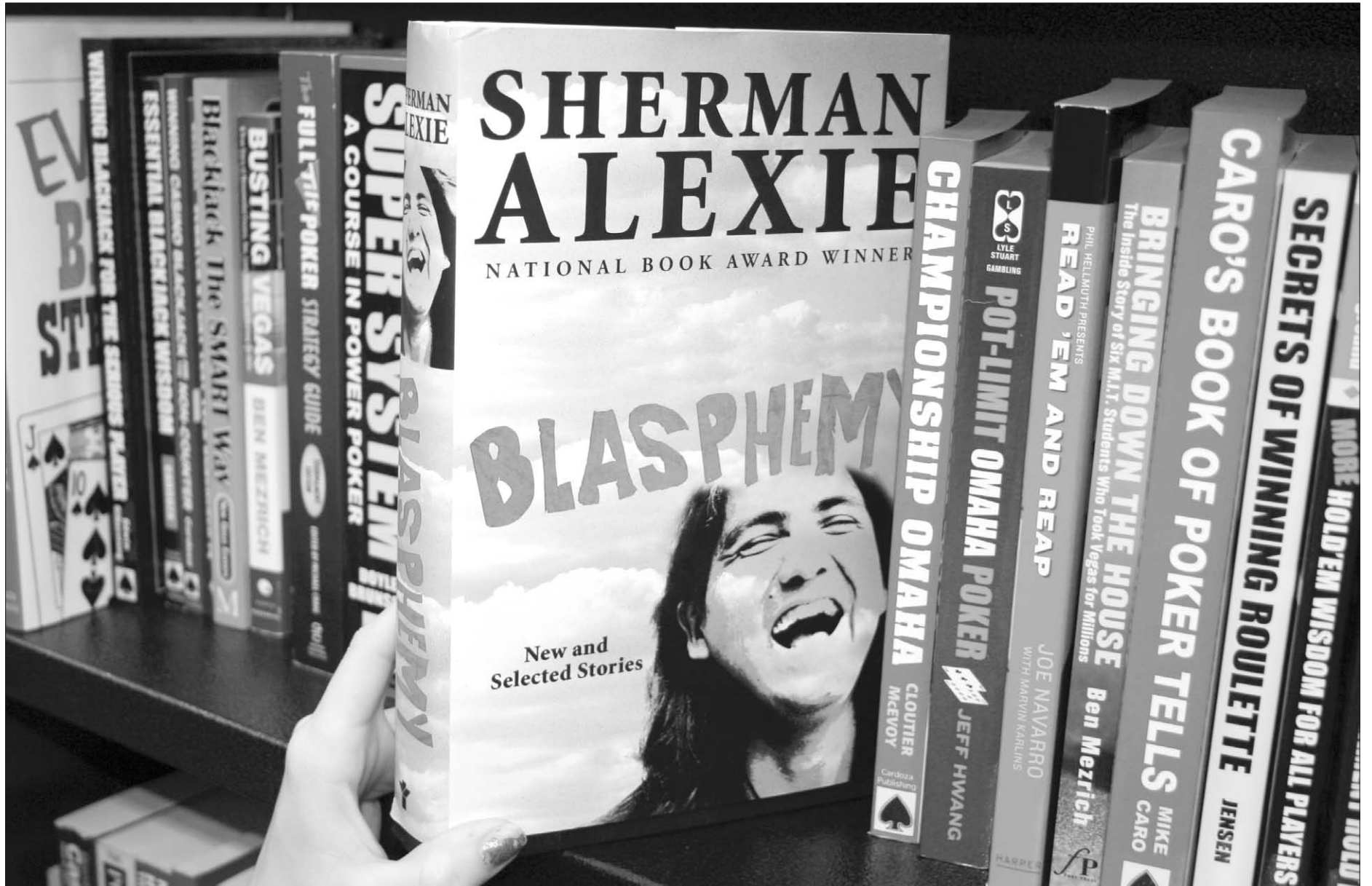
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Sherman Alexie has written 22 books, mostly based in his Native American heritage. Alexie will speak in the Wright Auditorium on Tuesday at 8 p.m. will discuss life as a Native American.

BOOK REVIEW

'Blasphemy' by Sherman Alexie

Rex Rose

ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Grade: B+



Poet. Native American. Writer. Filmmaker. Award-winning author. These are just a few of the words that describe the speaker that Wright Auditorium's stage will

welcome on Tuesday at 8 p.m. Sherman Alexie is a Spokane Indian who, through his writing, discusses life as a Native American on and off the reservation.

"Blasphemy," which was released in October of 2012, is Alexie's newest book. The book contains 15 stories and 16 other various pieces of his work. The book showcases his favorite form and topic--short stories and Indians.

The compilation of short stories continues the same themes that his 21 other books have showcased, which is the brokenness of Indian lives.

One of the stories, "War Dances," which won a PEN/Faulkner Award, follows a Spo-

kane Indian character through his discovery of a brain tumor, all the while flashing back to memories of his diabetic and alcoholic father's death in the hospital.

This story illustrates some of Alexie's strong points and specifically where he differs from many writers. While many short story writers use mini-novels, where the story is structured paragraph after paragraph, Alexie shows his creative skill by using numbered headings. These titles provide more description to the reader and let you know what to expect next.

His interactive writing style doesn't stop there. He provides a questionnaire with personal inquiries directed toward his father, giving the reader a deeper insight into their relationship:

"Sir, in your 39 years as a parent, you broke your children's hearts, collectively and individually, 612 times and you did this without ever striking any human being in anger. Does this absence of physical violence make you a better man than you might otherwise have been?"

Another interesting aspect of the book is the length of his many stories. "War Dances" happens to fall on the longer side with 33

pages, but the average story is somewhere around the 15 page mark. And still, he has other stories that are only two to five pages long.

This ability to convey so much in a little space is something that Alexie does extremely well. Alexie is less concerned about creating characters that you know everything about, but more about cutting directly to what he wants to say through the story. An example of this can be seen in this excerpt of "Do You Know Where I Am?"

"My Indian daddy, Marvin, died of stomach cancer when I was a baby. I never knew him, but I spent half of every summer on the Spokane Reservation with his mother and father, my grandparents. My mother wanted me to keep in touch with my tribal heritage, but mostly, I read spy novels to my grandfather and shopped garage sales and secondhand stores with my grandmother. I suppose, for many Indians, garage sales and trashy novels are highly traditional and sacred...all told, I loved to visit, but loved my home much more."

This short synopsis is very characteristic of the other 30 stories included in the 465-page collection. This constant pulling of

the reader through a story, only to go on to another story full of condensed and rushed characters, can cause each story to sound like the next. While for many people this doesn't make for the best read, it is important to consider why Alexie would do this.

For him, it is not rushing, but a sense of urgency. Alexie wants you to be able to open his book and read a couple pages and understand the deep pain that is still with Indians today. In "Blasphemy," Alexie is not concerned with being reverent to the topic or approaching it gingerly. Instead, he wants to hit you with the same theme 31 times.

Alexie's newest book shows his unwillingness to compromise what is important to him. It also shows that he is self-aware about his stance in the writing world. He shows, by titling this book "Blasphemy," that his perception as irreverent and controversial is one that he agrees with. That even after 22 books and around 20 years of writing, he still plans on sticking to his guns and discussing the struggles of Indian life.

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Sex trafficking victim speaks on campus

Staff Reports

Last night, the Initiatives committee of the Student Activities Board hosted an event featuring Carissa Phelps, a human sex-trafficking survivor, in the Hendrix Theatre at 7 p.m. The event, "Fighting Against All Odds," began at the top of College Hill with a with a group walk to the Mendenhall Student Center to help raise awareness for human trafficking.

Phelps then took the stage and spoke to students

about her experience.

The event was also sponsored by the Pre-Law Society, ECU Abolitionists, the Department of Criminal Justice, the Department of Social Work, the Department of Child Life & Family Relations, the Center for Student Leadership and Engagement, and the Bachelors of Social Work Student Association.

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About 150 attended last night's event in Hendrix.

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Know of some awesome events coming up? Let Lifestyles know! Email lifestyles@theeastcarolinian.com and put "Event Calendar" in the subject bar.

Shiver me Tinders: Another way to get connected

Mikayla Locklear
RELATIONSHIP COLUMNIST

Our generation has seen an unprecedented move towards online dating, or at least the removal of the stigma associated with meeting someone online in the last five years. But I'm all for the meet-cute, where you actually meet someone soberly and in public and just know you've found your soul mate (it still happens).

I am also a realist and know that for some people having their minds constantly logged in and the whole full-time student, part time waitress, all time intern subculture that we've found ourselves in doesn't allow for much in the way of human-on-human interaction.

With the addition of widely used apps to our online repertoire, you don't even have to be near your computer to find a date for next Saturday. I've always been envious of my gay friends who use Grindr, which in a nutshell is an app developed for the gay, bisexual or even bi-curious male population to log on and find a niche of guys just like them. The concept of it is cool to me. It's location based and the profiles are short, sweet and honest to the point. If Sandy from South Carolina is a bottom looking for a strong top for solely sexual encounters, then his profile will say just that. Way to take the mystery out of life.

About a month ago I discovered an app called Tinder. For those who don't know, Tinder is an app for smart phones that links to



CONTRIBUTED
Tinder is an app for smart phones that helps pair people together.

your Facebook without ever showing up on your timeline—thank God. It grabs some pictures and basic info for your profile. Then it uses your location to show you all the available users in your proximity. If you're a straight female, for instance,

you will see only straight males. The app lets you know what interests you have in common and even if you have mutual Facebook friends.

The best part about this app for me though, is that it totally works off first impres-

sions. It's a known fact, that for most people, you know if you're interested in someone after a few seconds of seeing them. This is known as that little "would do, wouldn't do" list you keep in your head for everyone you've ever met.

In the land of Tinder, if you're not interested, you simply press the "X" button or brush the picture to the left. The sick bits of me love this part, because a big nope will be stamped over the person's face. On the contrary, if you are interested, you press the little heart button and if

they have logged on, seen your profile and also liked what they saw, then you'll be notified you have a match.


What's most impressive is that unlike other dating sites, or even Facebook for that matter, a person is not allowed to message you until there is a consensus that each party is interested. For those who aren't meeting a ton of people right now, but aren't exactly match.com material yet, I think this app has great potential.

I don't have an experience to speak for myself

since I am not single at the moment, but I have girlfriends who have found legitimate dates using the app.

Last word about Tinder: what do you have to lose really? I mean, there is the slight chance you could get catfished...but for a chance at true love, I'd take that over a gallon of coffee flavored ice cream and a Bachelor marathon any day.

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Silent Pirates strike again

Jessica McGettigan
STAFF WRITER

Get your napkins tucked into your shirts and come out to Mellow Mushroom this Friday from 6-8 p.m. for a night of fundraising and pizza in support of the Silent Pirates Club. The Silent Pirates, an interactive club for those who are hearing impaired and students curious about learning sign language are hosting a fundraiser collecting money for the Hope of Hearing Foundation.

"Hope of Hearing is a mission project with support from many different organizations, one being the National Association of Conference Presidents of UMM," said Silent Pirates President Lindsay Dozier. "They collect hearing aids of any kind or condition and trade

them in for reconditioned hearing aids for children (and some adults) in Haiti."

Dozier also explained that she is doing as much as she can to promote the fundraiser, such as making a Facebook page. "For the fundraiser, 10 percent of food sales from the event will go to Silent Pirates, who will be donating a percentage to a deaf organization of choice," said Dozier. "As an organization, we just want to raise as much as we can, knowing that we are making a difference."

So, come out to Mellow Mushroom this Friday to help support the Silent Pirates and donate to the Hope of Hearing Foundation to help a person in need of new hearing aids.

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Women's Tennis edges Liberty

After digging a hole against the Liberty Flames, Yilian Zhang helped jump-start ECU and propel the Pirates to a comeback victory. Zhang won 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 over Brittany Yang in a No. 3 singles battle.

With the victory the Women's Tennis team improved to 9-5, while Liberty dropped to 8-6 and their four-match win streak was snapped.

ECU will open a four-match home stand Friday by hosting Coastal Carolina at 1 p.m. at the ECU Tennis Complex before welcoming South Carolina State (1 p.m.) and North Carolina Central (5 p.m.) for a split doubleheader on Saturday.

Men's Golf finishes eighth at Seminole Intercollegiate

The ECU men's golf team finished eighth in the Seminole Intercollegiate hosted by Florida State at the Southwood Golf Course with a final round 290. The Pirates finished with a three-day total of 6-over 870 (288-292-290).

The home team, Florida State, led from wire-to-wire and won by seven strokes after posting a 25-under 839 after the three-day tournament. Mississippi State placed in second while shooting 18-under. Coastal Carolina placed third at 12-under, followed by South Florida (-3) and Ohio State (-2) to round out the top five.

ECU freshman Grayson Murray shot a 73 in the final round to finish in 10th place in the individual portion of the tournament.

The Pirates return to the links on March 24 at the Seahawk Intercollegiate in Wilmington, N.C.

Spring Football set to begin

After winter workouts and individual preparation, the ECU football team will finally suit up and begin their annual spring practice. Monday, March 25th marks the first day of spring football. Each and every Saturday there will be an offense versus defense scrimmage.

The spring season will consist of four weeks of team practice and will conclude with the Purple-Gold game on April 20th. The Pigskin Pig-Out will be held from Wednesday, April 17 through Sunday, April 21, 2013. This year will again feature the Pig Cookin' Contest, live music and entertainment, BBQ plates, kids' games, the Purple/Gold spring football game and more.

Historic win propels Pirates

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With 13 minutes remaining, the ECU basketball team was staring at a 15-point deficit and the chance of their season possibly ending against the Savannah State Tigers. The four ECU seniors faced the fact that they may never suit up in a Pirate uniform ever again, but an improbable comeback kept their careers alive, at least for one more game. Survive and Win.

The Pirates only led for 35 seconds in the entire 40-minute game. Miguel Paul gave ECU the lead on a "less than organized" sequence of plays with 47 seconds left in the game. A tipped pass caused the ball to go bouncing into ECU's backcourt. In a foot race to the ball, Paul dove and tipped it to teammate Robert Sampson. Akeem Richmond ended up with the ball and threw a 30-foot laser pass back to Paul, who was streaking down the floor. Paul knocked down a three and put the Pirates ahead by one.

Savannah State called a timeout and set up a play to take the lead. After a scrum under the basket, the Tigers' Rashad Hassan made a layup and was fouled. The "Minges Maniacs" became enraged at the officials and their controversial calls down the stretch. Hassan missed the important free throw and ECU regained possession.

Down one point with 25 seconds remaining, Paul dribbled up the floor. After beating his man off the dribble, Paul got fouled at the basket and now had a chance to take the lead on two made free throws. The 88 percent free throw shooter made

both to put ECU up one.

The game came down to one final possession. Paris Roberts-Campbell and Richmond double-teamed Hassan, and Savannah State was unable to get a final shot off, sealing a Pirates comeback victory.

"It's an amazing feeling, we made history tonight," said Richmond. "It's all about surviving and advancing. It is very stressful though."

Richmond scored 14 points and knocked down four more three pointers, giving him 95 on the season. Sampson helped fill the big man position as he nearly had a double-double with nine points and a game high 14 rebounds.

Maurice Kemp showed he could persevere through a rough shooting night to eventually put together a great all-around game. Kemp scored 21 points, grabbed nine rebounds, dished out six assists and had four steals and two blocks. The 6-foot-8 senior shot 10-14 from the free throw line and only missed one in the second half.

The impact of Kemp this season has been undeniable. He was unable to garner enough votes to win Conference USA Player of the Year even though he may have meant the most to his respectable program.

Kemp and company has taken this year's team where other ECU programs have never reached. The win gave ECU its first-ever Division I postseason victory in five appearances. The Pirates reached 19 wins with the victory. For the nearly 50 years of its Division I existence, ECU hasn't had success of this magnitude.

After an 18-11 regular season,



GARRETT CAMPBELL | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Miguel Paul (0) hit a three-pointer to take ECU's first lead with 47 seconds left.

ECU started the conference tournament as the fourth seed. The Pirates faced off against the host school, Tulsa, and unlike their first meeting, the Pirates found themselves on the losing end. After giving up a late lead, the Pirates eventually lost 79-72 to the Golden Hurricane.

As a result from the early exit in the C-USA tournament, the Pirates accepted a bid to the CollegeInsider.com (CIT) tournament. This set up the matchup between the Pirates and the Tigers (19-14, 11-5 in the MEAC conference).

To start the first round matchup against the Tigers, ECU came out shooting flat from everywhere as the Pirates shot just 29 percent in the first half (7-24) and 9-18 on free throws.

Paul failed to score in the first half and as a result, the ECU offense struggled.

"The ball was stagnant in the first half," said Paul. "We needed to play for the front of the jersey and not the back."

Paul bounced back and scored 10 points, including eight of the Pirates final 12 points. He also dished out a game-high nine assists in 38 minutes of action. Even though the Pirates shot just 39 percent from the field for the game, ECU managed 50 percent shooting in the second half. A key for the second half was the free throw shooting. ECU went 11-12 from the charity stripe while Savannah State went just 1-6.

With the win, the Pirates advance to the second round of the CIT and they will host a game in Minges Coliseum on Saturday. Tipoff is at 5 p.m. and, as of Wednesday night, the opponent is still to be determined.

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Pirate sports Spring Break updates

Josh Graham
SENIOR WRITER

Over the break, the Diamond Bucs (11-10) closed their 15-game home stand to begin the 2013 season and played their first set of road contests. The team's midweek struggles continued as they dropped all three of their games not played in a conventional weekend series.

This stretch began on March 12 at Clark-LeClair Stadium against the Old Dominion Monarchs. Despite getting a strong six innings from freshman pitcher Nick Durazo, and having the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning, ECU couldn't cross any runs and suffered a 5-3 loss.

The next night, the Pirates began their road slate at Campbell and came up short, 8-6, in a slugfest that featured five lead changes. ECU's woes continued at Jacksonville University in a 3-2 loss on Friday.

ECU's bats came alive on Saturday—scoring 10 runs in the fifth and six innings combined—en route to a 16-7 win to snap the losing skid. The Pirates closed the

weekend with a 6-4 win to capture their fourth straight weekend series.

On Tuesday, ECU traveled to the coast and gave the ball to sophomore right-hander Tyler Bolton for his first collegiate start on the mound against the UNC-Wilmington Seahawks. ECU took the lead 1-0 on a Jay Cannon home run, but the Seahawks responded with seven unanswered runs and went on to win 10-3.

ECU (11-1) continued its tremendous start to the season on March 10 with a 6-1 win at Kennesaw State. The Pirates took four of the five singles matches and swept the Owls 3-0 in doubles-matches.

On March 14, ECU dominated Division II Flagler College 6-1 by winning all six of its singles matches and two out of three in doubles. The Pirates are currently on an eight-game winning streak and will try to make it nine at UNC-Greensboro Thursday at 2 p.m.

The Women's Tennis team (9-5) traveled to Davidson for the second game of a five-game road trip. The hosting Cougars edged out the

Pirates 4-3 with the schools splitting six singles-matches.

ECU bounced back the next day with a 6-1 win at Presbyterian. After losing the first singles-match, the Pirates took the next five and swept doubles-play 3-0.

On March 19, the Pirates were set back at Furman, falling 6-1, and dropping five of its six singles-matches. ECU took two out of the three in doubles.

ECU continued its recent trend of alternating wins and losses by closing its five-game road trip with 4-3 at Liberty. Subsequently, the Pirates snapped Liberty's four-match winning streak. ECU returns home for matches Friday and Saturday against Coastal Carolina, South Carolina State and North Carolina Central.

ECU (9-17) was in the midst of its 13-game road trip when they traveled to Honolulu, Hi. for the Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament. Already losing four of its six games on the trip, the Pirates dropped all four of their games in paradise, outscored 24-0.

The road skid concluded in Birmingham, Al., where ECU

began Conference USA play with a weekend series against the Alabama-Birmingham Blazers.

On Saturday, the Pirates won a 4-2 pitcher's duel in the first game of a double-header. Sophomore pitcher Sarah Christian went the distance to help the Pirates snap their three-game losing streak.

In the second game of the double-header, UAB jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first two innings. ECU clawed back, scoring four runs in the fourth inning and loading the bases in the seventh, but the rally fell short and the Blazers survived 7-4.

Sunday's rubber game was televised and featured another pitcher's duel. The Blazers took the game and the series 2-1.

ECU will return home Saturday for a double-header against the Houston Cougars. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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CALENDAR

"At times it was deafening, kind of like a Florida-Ohio St. game" - Savannah State Head Coach Horace Broadnax about the Minges atmosphere late in the game.

<p>Thursday 3/21 Home - Men's Tennis UNC-Greensboro 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday 3/22 Home - Women's Tennis Costal Carolina 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday 3/23 Home - Softball Houston 1 & 3 p.m.</p> <p>Home - Women's Tennis South Carolina State 1 p.m.</p> <p>North Carolina Central 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Saturday Cont 3/23 Home - Men's Basketball TBD 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday 3/24 Home - Softball Houston 12 p.m.</p>	<p>Tuesday 3/26 Home - Baseball William & Mary 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday 3/27 Home - Softball N.C. State 5 & 7 p.m.</p>	<p>LET'S GO PIRATES! ARRRRGH!!</p>
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ECU baseball continues to struggle in midweek games

Patrick Meine
STAFF WRITER

Midweek pitching continued to be a problem for ECU baseball as the Pirates dropped two games over the past two days.

The Pirates lost 4-2 last night to another in-state rival, the High Point Panthers.

“We got to scratch and find a way to win,” said Assistant Head Coach Dan Roszel, “That was a team coming in that made 33 errors and it didn’t seem like it.”

Durazo hit the first batter and surrendered three runs in the first inning before

settling in for a decent start. He pitched five and a third innings allowing four runs on four hits, with three walks and four strikeouts.

“Tough first inning, it took me a while to get settled in,” said Durazo. “Trying to throw first pitch strikes, trying to get ahead in the count kind of helped me.”

The Seahawks added a run in the sixth inning when Spencer Angelis was scored on a sacrifice fly, after a lead off double.

Andy Smithmyer pitched three and a third innings in relief, giving up no runs on two hits with one walk and two strikeouts. Drew

Reynolds closed the game striking out one.

ECU was scoreless until the seventh inning when Jay Cannon stretched his hit streak to 10 games on a line drive single to center, followed by Ben Fultz’s first home run of the season pulling the Pirates within two.

“I trust my swing and it felt good. I’m glad it helped the Pirates tonight, but unfortunately we came up short,” said Fultz.

Fultz’s two run shot was the last score of the game.

The Pirates defense was stout in the game committing no errors and

highlighted by a spectacular diving Fultz catch in left field robbing a double headed toward the corner.

Head Coach Billy Godwin was tossed from the game after arguing balls and strikes with Home Plate Umpire Thomas Baldinelli.

High Point improved to 10-11 with the win and ECU dropped to 11-10 after the loss.

ECU also lost a Tuesday night contest against the UNC-Wilmington Seahawks 10-3 in Wilmington.

The Pirates took an early 1-0 lead in the second inning off a Jay Cannon solo home run, but the Seahawks answered with seven runs over the next five innings before ECU

was able to score again.

ECU put up two more runs in the seventh off a UNCW fielding error, but then allowed three more runs in the bottom half of the same frame, bringing the score to 10-3 which would stand as the final.

Tyler Bolton got the start and lasted four complete innings, surrendering four runs off six hits, with two walks and two strikeouts. Bolton was credited with the loss.

Jake Harris, Dylan Dickens, Grayson Bailey and Brett Mabry all pitched in relief for the Pirates. Harris completed two innings allowing three runs off four hits, while walking two and striking out none. Dickens

pitched one complete inning and Bailey and Mabry combined for one inning of work.

ECU batting struggled as well at Wilmington as the Pirates were only able to score three runs off six hits. Cannon lead the hitting, reaching base three total times with two hits and a walk. ECU will travel to Houston to take on the Cougars in a three game series this weekend to open Conference USA play.

“It’s conference time,” said Roszel. “No matter what happens it’s a whole new season when it comes up to conference.”

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Lady Pirates open WNIT at WKU

Craig Barnes Jr.
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Pirates basketball team will continue its remarkable season with a game against Western Kentucky in the first round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

ECU participating in the WNIT for the first time since the 2009-2010 season. During that season, the Lady Pirates finished the regular season 20-9 before losing in the conference championship game to Tulane 73-64. The 2009-2010 squad defeated Drexel, 78-76, in overtime in the first round before falling to Maryland, 87-52.

The team this year has played with an undeniable edge and seems to be on a mission for a championship. Senior guard Celeste Stewart

will be participating in postseason play for the second time and she does not plan on an early exist.

"Its very special that we have another opportunity to play again and of course were not going to take that for granted and as seniors we are going to put it all out on the line to try to extend the season as much as possible," said Stewart.

This type of national exposure has granted the Lady Pirates more media coverage as well as showing recruits and other basketball programs that the Lady Pirates basketball program is here to stay.

"Our basketball team continues to grow and we have laid a solid foundation," said Head Coach Heather Macy. "I



The Pirates are led by first team all-conference Celeste Stewart.

have no doubt with the type of work ethic they possess we will continue to grow."

Putting it all on the line has been the attitude for the Lady Pirates this season. They continued to surprise everyone with their tenacious defense and their irrefutable will to win. During the

preseason the Lady Pirates were projected to finish 11th in Conference USA play. But they concluded the regular season 22-9 with an 11-5 in-conference record, which was good enough for a second place finish.

The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers finished the

regular season 21-10 overall and with a 13-7 mark in the Sunbelt Conference. First-year Head Coach Michelle Clark-Heard coaches the Hilltoppers and they have three players who average in double-figures. WKU is lead by Alexis Govan who averages 20.1 points per game.

This marks the third time in program history that these two will meet. The series is even at 1-1 and the Lady Pirates steam rolled Western Kentucky, 108-54, in the last meeting.

The WNIT was founded in 1969 and is the oldest existing national women's college basketball tournament. Over the years, the WNIT has expanded from 32 teams to the now current format of 64 teams. In the C-USA tournament

the Lady Pirates received a first-round bye before they took on Tulsa in the C-USA Semifinals. The Lady Pirates led in the second half by as many as 15 points, but Tulsa chipped away at the lead to tie the game at 56. Tulsa used a 16-3 run, beginning with 2:51 remaining, to pull away and defeat the Lady Pirates 72-59.

Britny Edwards led the Lady Pirates with 20 points and eight rebounds. Taleya Mayberry poured in a game-high 30 points for Tulsa with teammate Tiffani Cousnard scoring 16 points and hauling in 17 rebounds.

The Lady Pirates will take on Western Kentucky tonight with tipoff set at 8 p.m. at E.A. Diddle Arena.

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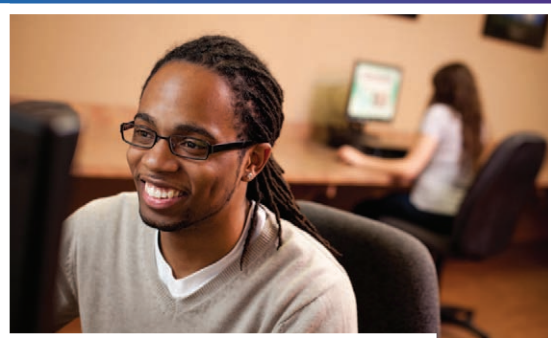
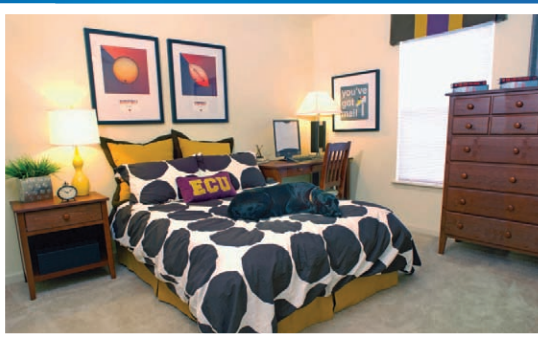
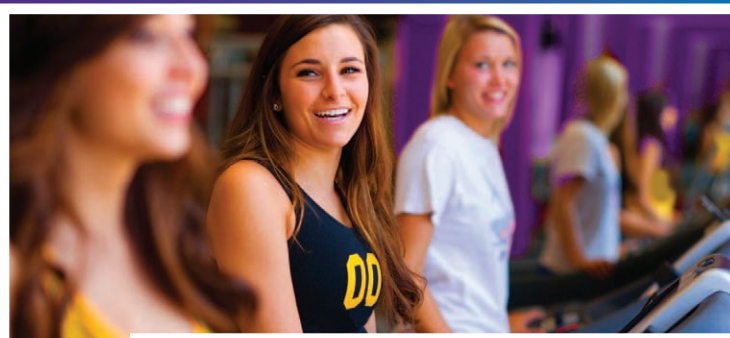
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