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BRIEFS

Staff reports

Two students receive prestigious internship

Two students will be participating in the competitive Langley Aerospace Research Student Scholars Program with NASA.

Lisbeth Soria, a senior industrial technology major, and Kaveh Darafsheh, a graduate student in computer science, will be interning in Hampton, Va. in a 10-week program beginning June 3.

The students earned a spot among 200 internships out of over 1,000 applicants to the program.

Medical examiner and forensic pathology cut

A state contract providing a regional medical examiner's services for East Carolina will not be renewed. The Department of Pathology in the Brody School of Medicine provided services to 24 counties.

The \$322,000 contract, ending June 1, was half of the department's forensics budget and will therefore end services to 22 eastern North Carolina counties.

Founders Day event to be held on Reading Day

The fifth annual Founders Day/University Awards Day convocation will be held at 9 a.m. on May 1 in Hendrix Theatre. The event will recognize excellence in teaching, leadership, research and service.

Several UNC award recipients are among the honorees at Wednesday's event. Samuel F. Sears, director of ECU's doctoral program in health psychology, will be recognized as recipient of the highest faculty honor bestowed by the University of North Carolina—the 2013 O. Max Gardner Award.

Following the convocation, a 1 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony will commemorate the new location on the first floor of Joyner Library for the Office for Faculty Excellence, the Quality Enhancement Plan, the University Writing Center and the University Writing Program.

Pirates,



Good luck on all your finals!

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Spike in off-campus crime

Staff Reports

As the spring semester draws to a close and the weather warms up, there has been a spike in crime, mainly off campus.

This month, students have been notified of five incidents, with four occurring off-campus and one occurring on-campus.

"The off-campus crime is on the increase," said Lt. Chris Sutton of ECU Police. "But a lot of the more violent crimes, we're not seeing that on campus."

It's not a significant increase that is typically seen closer to the holidays, said Sutton.

Sutton attributes the rise in crime to the nicer weather.

"There's more foot traffic during the evening hours, which increases the opportunity for crime," he said. "So I certainly don't think that it's unusual to see a spike like we're seeing now."

Sutton said there is an increase in calls for service near the end of spring semester.

The ECU Police Department tries to encourage students to walk in groups in well-lit areas. They also tell students to utilize Safe Ride, transit and escort vehicle services.

"Students should try to have someone pick them up at all pos-

sible, if they're going downtown or to some off-campus location, instead of walking back late in the evening," said Sutton.

He also noted seeing students walking around north of campus at 3 or 4 a.m.

"Students should just be mindful of their surroundings and take any proactive measures that they possible," Sutton said.

He said students should not think that walking alone and talking on the cell phone provides adequate protection. He said especially with exams coming up and students staying at the library later than usual, students should take extra precautions.

"If they feel uncomfortable or need assistance, they should call an officer," he said. "They are more than happy to help as much as possible."

If they're ever uneasy about moving across campus late in the evening, it's always best to have some escort, or some ride available to them, said Sutton.

Students who need assistance may call 252-328-6787.

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Students have been receiving numerous ECU Alerts about the off-campus crimes. TORRE GRILLS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

City officials to renovate Tar River area for tourism



Revitalizing the Tar River area aims to increase utilization of the river to boost the economy and promote community. MICHAEL SEEGARS | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Erin Standley
STAFF WRITER

Greenville City Council is setting aside money in the town budget for changes to the Tar River next year to find ways to increase the use of the river and maximize the natural resource's full potential.

Leaders want to find a way to use the river to help boost the economy, increase tourism and bring the community together.

Dennis Mitchell, Greenville council member at-large said the proposed budget, if approved, would fund a study that evaluates different aspects of the river.

"The money would be used to initiate a study that will focus on how we can protect our river and will assess the different environmental factors and tourism factors," said Mitchell. "The developments will revolve around our river and preserving our river."

The budget proposed for next year would ideally set aside \$250,000 to help revamp the river and to make its expansion a priority. The money will be used initially to conduct a study on the river and then the council will have to set aside more money in the next

budget before they could follow through with any expansions.

"We have no idea what will come back from the study, but hopefully some of the small changes on the river like offering kayak rentals and boat rentals, will happen pretty fast," Mitchell said. "Some of these might even be in effect by next summer."

Freshman biology major Michelle Thompson is a big fan of the river and supports the city's effort to help update it and get more citizens to it. She even has a few ideas on how to better improve and use the resource to its full potential.

"I love going down to the river in my spare time, it's a great place to relax and study even," Thompson said. "My family is actually a big fishing family and we love to go down to the water and fish, especially in the Tar River. It'd be cool if they could organize some sport fishing events or set up a boat or fishing pole rental or something, that'd probably draw in some crowds."

As far as citizen input goes, Mitchell notes that the ideas and opinions of the citizens are an

incredibly important portion of this project. The council will make it a point to get input from a large amount of Greenville residents and to hear their ideas before following through with any plans.

"One of the huge parts of the river study is to make sure there is input from citizens," Mitchell said. "We want to make sure that we get as much citizen involvement as we can, and make sure our voices are heard before we go through with something this big and this dramatic."

However, junior art major Clinton Dowell has never been to the river and doesn't feel that it is suited for him. He hopes that with the city's new budget and new ideas that perhaps the river will become more attractive.

"I've honestly never even been to the river, there's just nothing down there for me," said Dowell. "Maybe if the city does work something interesting out, I might make a trip out there. I'll definitely be listening out for whatever it is that they decide to do."

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Teaching licensures offer grads new options

Jessica Richmond
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Office of Alternative Licensure is attempting to reconcile the lack of education degrees coming out of the state by offering non-education post-baccalaureate students several options to obtain their teaching license.

The department hopes to provide students who have already obtained a degree in a non-education related field with four options of obtaining a teaching licensure: lateral-entry, licensure-only, a Masters of Arts in Teaching and the NC Teach program.

"I'm a senior and it's far too late to change my major at this point, but I've recently come to the decision to become a teacher," said chemistry major Taylor Jones. "I realized my passion for science is better served in educating. I plan on going back and getting my license this fall after graduating this May. I think a lot of people have a misunderstanding about what this program accomplishes. It's not a shortcut, it's an add-on."

Lateral-entry is for individuals with a Bachelor's degree who have been hired by a school system without a teaching degree. These teachers can apply for a lateral-entry license through the Alternative License department and have three years to complete the coursework for a license.

The licensure-only program is for graduates who wish to teach but do not have a license or a job with a school system. These students apply to the university as an undergraduate post-baccalaureate teacher certification student and work with the Alternative Licensure department to come up with an individualized plan of study.

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"We get a lot of fishing and some trolls who just want to look at all of their options and ask us to draw up a plan of study in a 'what-if' capacity, but then they never enroll in the university," said Vivian Covington, director of teacher education. "They think that getting a plan of study means they've been accepted to the university but the admissions department and registrar has to admit the student, not us."

Covington and Susan Morgan, who is coordinator of Alternative Licensure, said it is almost impossible to complete the program in less than three semesters and that is only if the

student has a background in the subject they wish to teach. The program utilizes the same Senior I and Senior II semesters of all undergraduate education majors, these semesters include the student teaching portion of the degree.

"I've spent four years working towards my teaching degree," said senior elementary education major Sarah Banks. "When I graduate I'll receive my license, but some students can go back for an extra year and not only have a marketable degree outside of education, but also be able to steal some of the limited education jobs. It's not fair."

The Master of Arts in Teaching degree allows students to receive both a master's degree as well as certification to teach. This is an accelerated program that can be completed in one year. NC Teach is a statewide program that is a fast track for lateral entry teachers that can be completed in one year as well but does not provide a master's degree. The NC Teach and the Master of Arts in Teaching programs are not offered for all areas of study; for instance, these programs exclude elementary education certification.

"There are pros and cons to these accelerated programs. Yes, it gets the

course work over very quickly, but what most people don't understand is that contrary to popular opinion, not everyone can teach. You can get the accelerated certification and still not be successful as a teacher," said Morgan.

The application for the programs is twofold. An official graduation transcript is required with a GPA of 2.5. A Praxis I exam can be used to replace a low GPA, however, it is very hard to receive a teaching position with a GPA lower than 2.5 according to Covington.

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Shout out to everyone who is graduating this May. No matter how long it took, you made it! You should be proud!

Best part of summer? Three months worth of alcohol driven amnesia.

I've learned more about geography through beer Olympics than I have in 4 years in college.

You're not a true Pirate till you've puked downtown and you've had a rant published.

I want the Django, hold the jango.

ECU really should offer pole-dancing classes.

Does the kid who eats his Chick-fil-A cup know he's freaking everyone out? If you didn't know now you do!

Just got stuck in a marathon of reading Pirate Rants at work. Works as a great time waster for us real world folks. Note to students: DO NOT GRADUATE!!!

If I could lose 1 lb every time I walk up them stairs at Brewster, I would be skinny by now.

Took a nice long chug of vodka out of a water bottle left over from this weekend in the middle of class. Swallowing has never been harder.

This one goes out to the cute guy I gave my number to at Barefoot. Really glad you texted me!

What's the ratio of answered to ignored that has to be met before you'll stop texting me?

To the girl I met at the bar that ordered four shots and made me pay, you owe me \$20. I gladly take cash, Pirate Bucks or a 24 pack of Bud Light.

Don't know if you winked at me or your eye just twitched...I'll go with the wink though.

That awkward moment a strange guy comes up to you, puts his arm around you and tries to share your umbrella...

Did the sorority girls get a group rate on monograms? Having trouble remembering your name?

Just a few exams and then summer...I mean summer school.

Yes I "forgot your name" but it was loud in the club and the game was on when you told me.

If she doesn't get excited when all the good Cartoon Network shows get put on Netflix, she's too young for you bro.

I think that it's awful how people are treating Lance Armstrong. The man won numerous Tour de France's while on drugs. When I'm on drugs, I can't even find my bike.

At the "Coolest, Hottest" girl that is 20 and never had a boyfriend, come to Olive Garden and ask for The Captain. I'm there every weekend night.

To the girl who posted about being the hottest girl her friends know but has never had a real kiss, I'm a really nice guy.

I wish people would stop treating the janitors like crap. You never know that could be you after you graduate.

A Pirate farewell

Exiting SGA president says goodbye

Fellow Pirates,

As the year comes to an end, so does our term in office serving and advocating for you. You have provided us the opportunity, and I hope that we earned that opportunity during our time in office.

Over part four months, we internally revamped the structure of the SGA to better serve you in future years--a structure that shifts the power away from the president's office and disperse across all 80 contributing members of the organization and creates positions that roll over year after year, creating consistency.

We created a judicial branch to hold all members accountable. We moved the elections period up, allowing longer transitional periods for incoming executive officers, legislators and judiciary members. Our website is the in the final stages of completion, to be ready this summer for your access. Organizations are like relationships, after all--you cannot help others until you have your own problems solved. We are confident these issues have been resolved once and for all.

Externally, we were able to complete the Health Sciences SGA Office, allowing those students more of a choice and an ability to create and executive University Day, a day in which we have the chance to learn and enjoy the traditions of our university in celebration of its founding; and the dedication of the Memorial Garden, following the hard work of Josh Martinkovic's administration.

We are also leaving off many projects the we have begun such as the SGA-City Council link that, if successful, will allow students to serve on boards and commissions for Greenville as well as a proposal



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to eliminate the C- or add the A+ to the plus/minus system.

Discussion of possibly incorporating the App State Rental Textbook Policy here at ECU, which would provide alternative savings in front of the budget proposals for higher education, has also been kick-started. Along with discussions of the incoming executive officers on strategizing grassroots campaigns against the proposed tuition increases and the voter equalization bill that was proposed at the state level, which could

negatively affect your opportunity to vote in future elections.

This progress was challenging, difficult and cost us countless hours and nights. However, your help--your voice--provided us the strength to push onward.

Serving you was an honor and a privilege--we hope that we made you proud.

Loyal and Bold,

Ira Rushing
Student Body-Vice President

Kaitlyn Dutton
Student Body Secretary

Eric Green,
Student Body Treasurer

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Student Body Chief of Staff

Matt Paske
Student Body President

Editor in Chief signs off

Pirate Family,

I have spent my last 1,640 days as a Pirate, my last 820 days working for *The East Carolinian* and my last 365 days exactly as Editor in Chief for your campus newspaper.

When I first walked onto this campus, I never anticipated being in the position I find myself in now, but I could not be more grateful for it. I have had the opportunity to reach all of my classmates and professors twice a week for the past year with stories and issues that I feel are important to you--an honor I do not take lightly.

While I know our paper has never been flawless, I have been incredibly blessed to work with a staff of student journalists who are dedicated to serving the student body and ensuring that every publication is made to the very best of our ability.

I feel comfortable in saying that my time at East Carolina University has been defined by my time working for Student Media and being the Editor in Chief of TEC.

I had the opportunity to interview President Obama, as well



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as cover his wife, Michelle, and Congressman Paul Ryan's visit to our campus. As a reporter, I was also able to sit down and interview nationally known journalist Dan Savage, and the infamous ECU "Gunbrellaman."

All of these opportunities were just the starting point for all the connections that I have made working for TEC. I now have 20 best friends that I get to work with twice a week. I have had the chance

to spend time with everyone in the university from Chancellor Ballard to the wonderful staff who keep our campus clean. I hold all of these connections near and dear to my heart, and I'm a different person because of these people.

Growing up, people always told me that the friends I made in college would be my friends for life. I always wrote them off, thinking that they didn't know what they were talking about, and that I would probably just make some friends here and there. I now know, more than ever, that I was entirely wrong and that they couldn't have been more right.

I've gotten the same advice from over five people in one day alone about my uncertainty of what comes next. My parents, professors and mentors have all told me "Every chapter ending, is another chapter's beginning." While I am sad to see this chapter of my life ending, I am excited to see what the next chapter will hold.

While I may be one of the graduates who isn't armed with a job in the real world upon my graduation, this university has prepared

me with the knowledge in and outside of the classroom to pursue whatever I want in life.

I hope that you have had similar experiences in college that I have. I hope you have made your life-long best friends. I hope you have found your passion the way that I have. I hope you've made memories that you can smile about on your very last day. And, if you're just starting out on your journey, I hope you go out and find these friends, pursue your passion and make memories.

The friends I have made in college have become my family. Greenville, N.C., the Pirate Nation, has become my home. And East Carolina University will forever remain in my heart.

I have spent my last 1,640 days as a Pirate, as I will spend everyday for the rest of my life.

Go Pirates!

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Some of you have really hideous tattoos. Winter please come back!

I really want to start a Golden Girls fan club. Anyone with me?

I was too stoned to remember 4/20. Rain check on 5/20?

Females, it doesn't matter how great your body looks; if you don't know how to smile, no guy will approach you.

I think I've drank my weight in Nyquil to get through this break up.

When your professor sends your class an email ending with "may the odds be ever in your favor." #scared or #excited

One week of finals left until I'm a senior...brb going to cry and then vomit.

I imagine that sex with Carrie Underwood is quite pleasurable.

Along with the extra picnic tables, I think we should have some swing sets on campus.

To the underclassmen: take at least six years to graduate. This whole finding a job thing is more crippling than the mass amounts of debt falling on top of me. Don't be in a rush to get out of here.

I have 500 Pirate Bucks left. All the hot girls, dinner's on me.

If I wanted bad Internet, I would have stayed at home, don't I pay for this?

Beggars in New York City make \$100,000 a year. I have a job and currently am scrounging under my couch for change to afford the dollar menu.

Time to start the season of real tans and stop spending money on faking it.

The dryer smelled like weed after my pothead roommate did their laundry. Didn't your mom teach you to check your pockets first?

SHAME ON YOU. UGLY BABY JUDGES YOU.

If Obama wouldn't have been a politician he probably would have been a dank comedian.

Picking girls based on how they look is like picking your cereal based on color instead of taste.

Gas prices aren't so bad if you consider you're really buying liquid explosive dinosaurs.

If you plant a block of Ramen noodles in the ground and water it with Bud Light, it will grow into an ECU student.

I think we all wanted to grow up to be Ferris Bueller, but we all grew up to be Cameron Frye.

Girls are like spaghetti, they're straight until you get them wet.

If you are having a bad day, just picture a T-Rex trying to make the bed.

A first mate's last voyage

I hate oxford commas. There, I said it. I despise them. They are nothing but a pesky annoyance that hangs so tauntingly at the end of a series for no apparent reason. For the past three years at *The East Carolinian*, I have fought the use of the oxford comma in a vigorous battle that had some great victories and some low defeats. With that being said, if my hatred for an (unnecessary) oxford comma is the only dark spot on my time at TEC, I count myself a pretty lucky guy.

When I started at TEC in the fall of my sophomore year, I never expected to be where I am now. That may be the most clichéd statement you can make when looking back on a job, but it is no less a true statement. I entered with the singular desire of writ-

ing movie reviews for the Lifestyles section, and nothing more. I just wanted an outlet to voice my opinions on film that had built up over the years. But as I got more involved with the office environment becoming Lifestyles editor that summer and Copy Editor the following fall I came to realize there was something special about being part of the production of TEC.

As readers, you may not know this, but it is a daunting task to produce the paper that appears in newsstands on campus every Tuesday and Thursday. Yet, even with deadlines and the constant pressure to deliver quality news bearing down on us week to week, the TEC office is our home away from life. Whether it is late-night baseball games waiting for that final story



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to come in or spontaneous musical outbursts that flood a previously silent room, this office is in a class of its own—a creative, dedicated and often-random class that I will always cherish being a part of.

As I look back on my experiences with TEC, I rec-

ognize that I was part of the paper at a time when controversy was about as frequent as a change in Greenville's bipolar weather. The days that followed each controversy may have been some of the most trying and stressful of my tenure at the paper, but they were learning experiences. Each time we were faced with a vocal readership or national exposure for less-than-exciting reasons, we collectively worked as a team to take the appropriate and professional next steps. That collective nature is what bonded us through those rough patches and also through the light-hearted moments. That collective nature is what delivered you a paper twice a week that we are proud of, and we hope you are too.

As TEC moves on to even bigger and better things

in the near future, I know that my time here has been a period of positive growth for the paper, and for its stance at ECU. Looking at the difference from the time I started to the time I exit stage left, I am struck by just how much work has been put into bettering TEC. And as I leave Pirate Nation, I leave knowing that the reporting, the design, and the content that now fill the pages of TEC are something that I, and the rest of the staff, can be completely and utterly proud of. And yes, I did throw in that oxford comma just for the hell of it.

Sincerely,

Hunter Ingram
Managing Editor

Senior editor's last day on board

The inevitable has arrived. For many in my shoes, that light at the end of the tunnel -- which was at one point dim and barely existent -- is in sight. We are merely days away from hearing our name said over a loud speaker, walking across the stage in our unflattering purple robes, and being handed our "diploma," which is really just a rolled up piece of paper revealing how much the university wants us to join the Alumni Association.

For some, this came easy. And for others, like myself, this was a grueling, daunting task. I'll admit, my coursework wasn't exactly the most difficult at times, but it was always balanced with a part-time job (or two or three), along with the temptations of college and the challenge of growing and maturing into adulthood.

Looking back, there's no way I was ever ready for this task at age 18 (but then again, who is?). I came to ECU as a psychology major, which was about as short-lived as a Kardashian marriage. I ended my first semester with a lousy 1.6 GPA, with no clue of what I wanted to do with my life. I barely bumped it up the next semester, capping my freshman GPA at 1.7.

Handling the situation the correct way, ECU put me on academic warning going into my sophomore year. And when financial aid got



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word of my less-than-stellar performance, my grants and loans were suspended. Since I pay for college entirely on my own, this was an extreme letdown. After writing a heartfelt letter begging for it to be reinstated, I continued on my way.

Not deviating too far from my ways, I continued to struggle with my grades and personal life for the next year and a half. I had no clue what I wanted to do. I didn't have a solid plan. I didn't know where I wanted to be in three, five, 10 or even 20 years.

It wasn't until the first day of classes in January of 2011 that it hit me: I should be a sports writer. With the last name of "Jock," it's as if sports had been coded into my DNA. I made the calls and switched into my communication and sports studies courses to make it happen.

In the fall, I became a member *The East Caro-*

linian's news staff. At this point in my life, everything was starting to gain focus. My future, which was once blurry, became clear. For the first time in my life, I felt like I belonged, I was valued and that God had a plan for me.

I always gained a sense of accomplishment when my stories appeared in the paper, even if it was about Styrofoam to-go containers (my first story). I value being a voice to deliver students valuable information.

Staying committed and loyal, I worked my way up to News Editor this semes-

ter, something I worked for since I became a staff writer. I dropped my sports studies minor to be able to take more communication courses to broaden my scope.

Writing for TEC has changed my life. It's given me purpose and direction.

For every Pirate struggling to find his or her way, I encourage you to do what makes you happy. Take classes you love, pick a career you're passionate about and find your own way.

The best way I've learned

is from my mistakes, and I am where I am because of it. As cheesy as it is to say, I do believe everything happens for a reason.

Rising from a failing student with a 1.6 GPA first semester, to an anticipated 3.9 this semester, I'd say I've come out on top.

They say college is the best years of your life, but I think there are many more to come.

Melanie Jock
News Editor



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This whole going to MWF classes on a Tuesday deserves some extra credit on my finals.

I can't believe people run for fun, I barely get out of bed to pee.

I don't know why people are surprised that I have trust issues when sometimes taking a nap just makes you more tired.

You are treating me like Judas and judging me like Judy.

Would it be acceptable to drink in the library through hell week? No? Well I'm doing it anyway.

Cory and Topanga gave me unrealistic expectations for my love life.

I've been in college for five years and I still don't know what escrow means.

Rain or shine, I'll be a Pirate till the day I die.

Here's to the end. Drink up; the real world is coming soon to a theater near you.

I'll miss all the amazing people I've met here at ECU. Even though I'm transferring I appreciated every second I spent here at Pirate Nation!

Cheers to making it 4 years without a drinking ticket! You go Glen Coco.

Professors, if you don't offer extra credit on surveys we aren't going to do them.

To the person who thought it would be funny to pee in the elevator of College Hill suites, that's just gross.

Had a blast this year with my girls, you know who you are. Love apartment 226.



Jonathan Bennett, who served as an ECU Ambassador, was a member of Tau Kapa Epsilon Fraternity and worked at the Campus Recreation and Wellness center, was honored with an evening vigil. NICK FAULKNER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Bennett remembered through vigil

Rex Rose
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

As night settled in Thursday at 9 o' clock, students gathered and their large circle of flaming candles and reverent bodies almost touched the outside walls of both the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and the Erwin Building. This space, known as the Student Memorial Garden, was almost too small to hold all of the students who came out for Jonathan Bennett's vigil.

Bennett, who died from an accident at University Manor on Wednesday, was a very active participant in campus life. He served as an ECU Ambassador, was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and worked at Campus Recreation and Wellness. His involvement in campus life made the news shocking, even for Pirates who didn't know him.

One of these students was 19-year-old sophomore marketing major Clinton Crawford, who organized the vigil.

"A week prior to the incident one of my friends passed away from an overdose and I couldn't be there for the funeral or any of that stuff because I'm here at school," said Crawford. "And, I know a lot of people got stuff



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Katie Wilson (above), who went to Fike High School and worked at Ruby Tuesday with Bennett, spoke about his sense of humor and how unique and quirky it was.

"You don't find someone that genuinely cares that often..."
—Katie Wilson

together, did things to try and make it easier for us...and that happened and I just felt compelled to."

Crawford used social media to help create this event that he knew would help friends, students and family with the grieving process.

"I got on Facebook and I made an event and I just started sharing it," said Crawford. "And, the next thing I knew, it blew up into a big thing...so a ton of people came together on this one."

One of the many people who attended the vigil was Katie Wilson. Wilson attended school with Bennett at Fike High School in Wilson, N.C., and worked with him during the summer of 2011 at the Ruby Tuesday in Wilson.

"He had a really quirky sense of humor; it was very unique," said Wilson. "I don't really know how to describe it, but stuff that came out of his mouth you didn't really expect him to say, but it was funny." While being entertaining and smile provoking, he was also a great coworker.

"If anything extra needed to be done, if I needed help...he would help me out, you know, do whatever he could to make it easier on me," said Wilson. "Really, he would

do anything he could to make your job easier."

Wilson remembers Bennett as someone who was very intelligent and full of personality. The candle light vigil was held to remember everything Bennett stood for.

"It was really touching to see how many lives he impacted, and I liked hearing all the stories that everybody had to say. I thought it was a very respectful thing for him," said Wilson. "I like how everyone sang 'Wagon Wheel' for him. I thought that was really sweet, and now every time I hear that song I am going to think about him."

Some of the things Wilson will miss most about Bennett include his selfless attitude and how he always greeted her with a smile.

"You don't find someone that genuinely cares that often, but he genuinely cared about what you were doing, asked what you were doing, how you were doing, even though he had all his stuff going on," said Wilson.

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Exam survival: how to study successfully

Jessica McGettigan
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. Final papers are being submitted, last minute tests are being taken and incomplete homework assignments are finally being turned in. For some seniors, it is a bittersweet time of the year, with cap and gown pictures and internships lined up for the summer.

But, before the festivities celebrating the end of the school year begin, there is just one more make-it-or-break-it week and a half of dealing with schoolwork and studying: the fatal exam week.

Many students have already begun putting in hours of study time to help prepare for

exam day. There are also many other students who believe that studying the night before an exam will be enough preparation. However, believe it or not, studying the night before an exam and pulling an all-nighter can cause detrimental effects to a person's health.

"A common myth many students believe is that pulling an all-nighter is beneficial," said Cam Miller, athletic trainer and Health 1000 instructor. "All-nighters completely put off a person's body clock. They also affect your brain, because your brain isn't functioning at its full capacity. Your attention span also decreases and memory recall is inhibited."

Brain function is not the only part of the body that is affected by all-nighters.

"Lack of sleep causes increased stress, which can lead to hypertension," said Miller. "Hypertension is very dangerous because it can lead to several different forms of heart disease."

But, pulling all-nighters is not the only bad habit students partake in when exam time rolls around. Over consumption of energy drinks and caffeine can cause serious issues as well.

"Consuming too much caffeine can lead to arrhythmia and heart murmurs, which are really dangerous," said Miller.

One significant behavioral change students who frequently pull all-nighters can make is by increasing their amount of study time.

"The best thing to do when it comes to studying is to start early and segment your study time into blocks and take breaks in between," said Miller. "Starting early reduces stress and the less stressed you are, the more easily you will be able to recall information while taking a test."

For students who can't help but become overwhelmed by exam week, taking frequent breaks in between studying is not a bad thing—it might actually improve your focus.

"Stress is linked with hypertension, which causes different types of cardiovascular disease," said Miller. "Take breaks while you

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Tuesday
April 30
Classes End

Thursday
May 2
Final Exams begin

Tuesday
May 14
First Summer Session-
classes begin

Thursday
June 20
Second Summer
Session classes begin

Wednesday
May 1
Reading Day

Friday
May 10
Commencement

Saturday
June 8
First Summer Session
classes end

Thursday
July 25
Second Summer
Session classes end

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study and go exercise or eat a healthy meal. Practice yoga or even take a mental break and check out for a little. Talk positively to yourself. Get done what you can get done and tell yourself you did a good enough job.”

In preparation for the day of a big exam, lay everything out that will be needed for the exam the night before.

“Make sure you reduce stress the day of a test by having everything ready the night before,” said Miller. “Make a checklist if you need to, but prepare ahead of time so you are not stressing out the day of the exam.”

If you are taking a math test, make sure you have a

calculator and bring extra batteries in case of emergency. Buy scantrons and blue books the day before the exam and avoid long lines in the student store. Have pencils sharpened and have extras on hand to avoid being “that kid” that comes to a test without something to write with.

On the morning of a big exam, it is extremely important to eat a good meal.

“Carbs are the best for you to eat before a big test because the brain uses carbs for energy,” said Miller. “Eat a whole wheat bagel or oatmeal and balance it out with fruit. Don’t eat anything heavy and greasy right before

a test because you might make yourself sick.”

If you are stressing out right before exam time, Miller suggests popping a mint or a piece of gum into your mouth.

“Studies show that chewing gum or sucking on a mint helps improve memory recall and also helps you focus,” said Miller. “It also helps to take deep, slow breaths to help calm yourself down.”

Remember, studying might be annoying, but it will help in the grand scheme of things. “Don’t slack,” said Miller. “Study hard and be confident in what you studied. Put forth the time and effort and it will pay off.”

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ECU-Marshall moved up

ECU's 2013 regular season finale at Marshall, originally scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 30, has been moved up to Nov. 29 to accommodate a live broadcast by an unspecified Conference USA television partner according to an announcement from the league Monday.

The Pirates will take on the Thundering Herd at noon on Friday inside of Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington, W.V.

The meeting will mark the third-straight year both programs will close regular season play on opposite sidelines as the Pirates and Herd dashed each other's bowl hopes in 2011 and 2012, capturing thrilling overtime decisions on their home field on the final weekend of action.

Former ECU great gets his chance

Former ECU All-America pitcher Seth Maness has been called to the Major Leagues and will be in the bullpen for the St. Louis Cardinals tonight when they host the Cincinnati Reds at Busch Stadium and will wear No. 61 the organization announced Monday.

With his promotion to the big league club, Maness becomes the second Pirate on a Major League roster in 2013 joining Chad Tracy of the Washington Nationals. The Cardinals have purchased the contract of right-handed hurler from Memphis (AAA) and optioned left-handed pitcher Marc Rzepczynski to the triple-A club. Maness, 24, was the St. Louis Cardinals Minor League Pitcher-of-the-Year in 2012, will be making his big league debut with his first appearance.

Tanik named to third team

Junior Melis Tanik was named to the All-Conference USA Women's Tennis third team, according to an announcement by the league Monday. The London native, who prepped at Raleigh's (N.C.) Ravenscroft School, posted ECU's highest season singles win total since 2010 with 17 during the spring.

Tanik compiled a 17-6 mark playing primarily at the No. 2 (13-5) position during her first campaign with the Pirate program after transferring from West Virginia. She closed the year winning nine of the last 11 matches, which included a 6-3, 6-4 victory over UCF's Jenna Doerfler in the Conference USA Championships. Tanik also captured the only matches she played at No. 1 (1-0) and No. 4 (1-0).



The Diamond Buccs (23-21, 8-7) used two straight 4-3 victories over the Memphis Tigers to win the three-game series in Clark-LeClair Stadium this weekend. NICK FAULKNER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Baseball heats up

Josh Graham
SENIOR WRITER

No matter the sport, the team that is hot at the end of the year usually fairs well in postseason play. ECU continued its recent success down the home stretch of the season against the Memphis Tigers (26-18, 9-8 Conference USA) this weekend at Clark-LeClair Stadium.

The Pirates won two out of three games to clinch their third consecutive series win in league play.

In Sunday's rubber game, the Pirates and Tigers were tied, 3-3, in the seventh inning until first baseman Chase McDonald connected with a fastball for an RBI

double, scoring Drew Reynolds. Reynolds earned his 10th save of the year by retiring the top of the ninth inning in order to end the game. ECU (23-21, 8-7 C-USA) won six of its last seven games and sits above .500 in league-play for the first time this season.

"This (weekend) was huge because anytime you win a series, you have an opportunity to put somebody behind you and also if it comes down to it, it's a tiebreaker," said Head Coach Billy Godwin. "I like what I see out of our guys. They're competing out every day and that's all I can ask them to do."

At the plate, Reynolds was an outstanding 9-for-12 on the weekend, including a 4-for-4

performance Sunday with two RBI.

Not to be forgotten, Zach Houchins has been swinging a hot bat as well, batting behind Reynolds in the cleanup slot. Houchins was 9-for-15 with seven RBI in ECU's last four games. Both players helped the Pirates to 35 hits this weekend and gave Godwin a lethal, offensive duo in the heart of the order.

"It's important when you have the middle of the lineup clicking. Anytime we get guys on, we feel like we're going to score runs," said Godwin.

ECU took command of Sunday's game in the first inning when Reynolds blooped a single into right field to drive-in Bryan Bass and Jack Reinheimer tagged and scored on a

Houchins sacrifice fly to centerfield.

Reynolds notched another RBI in the second, bringing home Travis Watkins to make it 3-0 Pirates.

Memphis got two runs back in the top of the third on an RBI sacrifice-bunt by Ethan Gross that plated Austin Hatfield. Following suit, Carter White laced an RBI-double that scored Zach Willis comfortably.

In the bottom half of the inning, ECU right-fielder Jay Cannon lined a shot towards the gap in left-centerfield when centerfielder Jake Little dived to make a sensational grab, but couldn't hold on and fell awkwardly on his shoulder. Cannon

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Pirates run well in Penn Relays

Penn Relays Top Finishing Results:

Men's 4x800 (7:59.52) 1st

Antonio Palmer
Jakub Trzasalski
Michael Quercia
Dylan Traywick

Men's 4x200 (1:25.10) 1st

Michael Neal
Ben McKinzie
Quinton Harley
Cameron Hudson

Men's 4x100 (40.50) 2nd

Torrence Hunt
Cameron Hudson
Michael Neal
Hunter Furr

Men's Sprint Medley (3:23.01) 11th

Michael Neal
Cameron Hudson
Ben Mckinzie
Jakub Trzasalski

Women's Discus

Kayla Padgett (50.77m) 3rd
Dawn Early (42.39m) 10th
Lauren Lubarski (44.40m) 15th

Olympic Development Women's 5000m (17:17.30) 20th

Chelsea Hollingsworth

No time for hype: uniforms

Ronnie Moore
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Brand new uniforms can do wonders for a program, but rushing the process isn't necessary.

Recently, football head coach Ruffin McNeill ruffled the feathers of Pirate Nation as he tweeted photos of a brand new helmet design. The desire for new equipment designs is noted, and it's only fair to speculate if the pros outweigh the cons.

It would be a great addition for Pirate football if somehow ECU received Nike combat uniforms like the beloved Oregon Ducks, Nike's home team. But the jerseys should be warranted. In my opinion, win a championship and then worry about the jerseys.

That may come off as harsh, but before Pirate Nation rips me a new one, winning should be more of a concern than wardrobe. Maybe new Athletic Director Jeff Compher can drum up some money for new Pirate threads, but I don't think ECU should reach and spend unnecessary money just to stay with the times.

Brand association is an important aspect to a historical program. There is already a trending debate if ECU should go back to the popular logo with the ECU and the sword on the helmet or whether the Pirates should stick with the newer skull and crossbones look.

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Track and Field wins four in historic meet

Patrick Meine
STAFF WRITER

The Pirate Track and Field team had a strong showing at the Penn Relays this past weekend, ending the regular season.

The Penn Relays is the oldest and largest track and field competition held in the United States. The meet has been hosted annually by the University of Pennsylvania since 1895, and attacks the top High School, Collegiate and international competitors.

The event usually attracts more than 15,000 competitors and usually tops 100,000 spectators, including a crowd of over 50,000 on Saturday.

For ECU, the meet was a final chance to fine tune and gear up before the Conference-USA

Championship.

The Pirates competed in over 25 events throughout the three-day event, having strong finishes in several of the events.

The strong showing at the Penn Relays comes just one weekend after the Pirates set four school records and won nine total events at the Charlotte invitational, highlighted by Padgett who won three events and set two school records.

Also during the event was the USA vs. World Elite Relays, which the United States dominated winning four of the six events.

The only two events Team USA failed to win were the women's 4x100 (they finished second and third behind Jamaica), and the distance medley where they

finished third and fourth behind Ethiopia and Kenya.

The U.S. women set a new American record in the 4x800 with a time of 8:04.31, smashing the previous time of 8:17.91, set in 2009.

ECU will try to carry this momentum into the conference championship, which will begin May 9 in Houston and will be hosted by Rice University.

The ECU women are coming off their best ever cross country season and took second last year at the outdoor championship. The men are also having one of their better seasons and will also look to be competitive in the championship meet.

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CALENDAR

"Any time you leave the Penn Relays with three school records and four event victories, you have accomplished a lot as a team. It is, without question, one of the most exciting meets to attend in the country." - head coach Curt Kraft, on the successful weekend for ECU track at the Penn Relays.

Tuesday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4/30	5/3	5/4	5/5
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reached second for a double, while Ford Wilson came in to replace Little.

Ryan Williams' day was finished after four and one-third frames with the Tigers threatening. Senior right-hander Joseph Hughes came on in relief and got out of a bases-loaded jam with a groundball to end the fifth inning.

ECU pitched fellow senior Andy Smithmyer in the sixth, but the righty couldn't hold onto the lead. Memphis evened the score, 3-3, on a base-hit up the middle from Willis that drove in Wilson.

Smithmyer (2-1) bounced back to retire the Memphis seventh and eighth innings in order and

eventually earned the win. On Friday, ECU's sophomore ace Jeff Hoffman cruised through his first six innings of work, before Memphis came alive in the ladder innings. With the Pirates leading 3-0, the Tigers tied the game with one swing.

No. 9 hitter Bryce Beeler's belted a change-up that was a couple of inches off the plate for his first home run of the year with two aboard. Memphis added three insurance runs in the eighth and ninth innings, which was just enough to hold off a late ECU rally and take game one, 6-5.

The shoe was on the other foot on Saturday, as the Pirates quickly fell behind 2-0. After registering two

runs to tie the game in the fifth inning, McDonald gave ECU its first lead of the game with a sacrifice fly to the deepest part of the ballpark in centerfield, scoring Bryan Bass.

Later in the inning, Memphis reliever Blake Myers walked right-fielder Jay Cannon with the bases loaded to bring home Reynolds to score. Similar to Friday night, the Tigers rallied for a run in the ninth, but fell short by a run, 4-3.

ECU will travel to Boiling Springs, N.C., on Tuesday for their midweek finale at Gardner-Webb. First pitch will be at 5 p.m.

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ECU jumped ship and went back to their retro helmet logo for the annual purple-gold spring game and it had some mixed reviews.

It was hard enough to switch from one logo to another and then just four short years later, everyone wants to change again. Don't get me wrong, I love new jerseys but the process shouldn't be rushed.

I feel like new uniforms should come as a reward for success. ECU went 7-1 in Conference USA last year. If they make it to the conference title game and win this season, then yes, jersey upgrades would be a welcomed sight heading into the new AAC conference.

I understand why people like new uniforms.

New uniforms can increase popularity and new recruits love them. Fans and people alike would go out and spend money if they thought that the jerseys were memorable and looked contemporary.

At the same time, the Pirate faithful would probably sport the original Purple and Gold jerseys that were made famous by the play on the field.

One thing that I have noticed that upsets me is the fact that ECU prides themselves as a "football" school, and yet our football team walks around with shirts and shorts that say ECU athletics, instead of ECU football. Yes, that is only one word, but it helps the student body identify with their classmates that

contribute to the team's success. Other teams have something that signifies the student athletes and their

respective sport.

All in all, I think the football team would look nice in new uniforms and a

new look would be welcomed as a reward for a successful season. At the same time, it would be cool to sport

retro jerseys for a season to remember, the "I Believe" season, when the Pirates went 11-1 and defeated N.C. State in comeback fashion in the 1992 Peach Bowl.

Who knows what will happen in the future, but for right now, Coach Ruff and the Pirates need to bear down and prepare for what can be a great season. Let the higher ups and the Board of Trustees make the wardrobe decisions.

I would advocate for new jerseys, but I also wasn't here to experience the history of Pirate Football. I am only two or three years into my tenure here. A lot can be done to force change. Wins will certainly do that.

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Ruffin McNeill (@RuffinMcNeill) posted this photo on Twitter, sparking excitement in ECU fans.

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Scan the QR code below or follow the link to access the self-nomination form. Deadline for nominations is May 9, 2013.



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