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## ST. PADDY'S IN GREEN-VILLE



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Students (from left to right) Alexa Enroth, Chris Blanton, Tyler Potter and Judah Mormino enjoy green drink specials at Sup Dogs for St. Patrick's Day. This year's celebrations coincided with Supdog's Monday Mug Night, creating a huge crowd downtown. Despite the rain throughout the night many businesses in Uptown Greenville were swarmed with green-clad pirates.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Waits on a vote

### Possible site set for new student center

Caroline West  
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Yesterday afternoon, the university's Board of Trustees met to discuss the location of the new main campus student center and parking deck.

Rick Niswander, vice chancellor for administration and finance, requested the board approve the \$775,000 purchase of the Baptist Campus Ministry's building from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which is the possible future home of the new main campus student center.

The property in total is about .66 acres and houses a brick and concrete building structure that is about 5,400 sq. ft.

Board members approved the purchase, but it will need approvals from the UNC Board of Governors, Joint Commission on Governmental Operations and Council of State to move forward.

The site selection for the main campus student union and 700 car parking deck was presented at the meeting and the general site was selected.

With the board's approval,

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APP CHALLENGES STUDENTS

## Pirates pair with Dasani

Byron Goodwin  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

A partnership between Dasani and ECU Campus Recreation and Wellness called Pirate Fit is giving students incentives to get into shape.

The program began on Jan. 27 and students started registering for Pirate Fit via the university's website. When students register, they can log their Student Recreation Center activities to gain points, which progressively moves students

through different reward levels of the Pirate Fit program.

Three Nike Fuel Bands are being given away, among other offered prizes for participation in the program.

Activities performed at the Student Recreation Center (SRC) can be logged, as well as CRW's offered group workout programs or classes count.

A game of basketball in the SRC, climbing the rock wall or

CRW educational programs can rack up points toward getting free prizes.

Students have the ability to earn one Pirate Fit point per day. After earning 20 points, students receive a free t-shirt and at 30 points they are entered into the Nike Fuel Band drawing.

Sophomore business major Andrew Bentley said he spends a lot of time in the SRC already and sees this as a great way to get more

students active.

"I workout in the Student Rec Center four to five days a week. Getting 20 points probably wouldn't take long," Bentley said in reference to the Pirate Fit point levels.

Participation for Pirate Fit is also offered to non-student Student Recreation Center members. Students can register at anytime

## New scholarship for science students

### \$620,000 grant targets rising freshmen majoring in chemistry and physics



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Ashley Wercholak runs some samples in a lab on campus.

Caroline West  
TEC STAFF

A grant for more than half a million dollars was awarded to the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences to fund chemistry and physics scholarships for students with significant academic talents who demonstrate financial need.

The \$620,800 National Science Foundation Grant will provide \$5,000 to 24 incoming freshmen for their first year and up to \$10,000 for their sophomore, junior and senior years, if the recipients still qualify.

"[In four years] students can qualify for up to \$35,000 in scholarship funds," said Anthony Kennedy, director of ECU's forensic science program.

There are no clear guidelines to how the scholarship funds will be split between the two departments, but Kennedy said it will be "split as evenly as we can."

FAFSA will be used to determine the financial need of potential scholarship recipients.

Interviews for potential scholarship recipients will take place April 5 during the university's Spring Open House.

"In our particular program, we are targeting first generation students from Eastern North Carolina who may have a particular skill or particular aptitude towards the physical sciences of physics or chemistry," said Kennedy.

Scholarship recipients, who will be called Chemistry and Physics Scholars, will become members of the Chemistry and Physics Living Learning Community at the university. For all four years of college, the recipients will be housed in the same residence hall as the ECU Honors LLC and Bio-Excellence LLC, with hopes to encourage multidisciplinary interaction among high performing students in diverse areas of study.

"They will become messengers for science, disseminating their experiences as [science, technology, engineering

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## BRIEFS

### Pitt County Business Expo to come to Greenville Convention Center

The 2014 Pitt County Business Expo will be held at the Greenville Convention Center on Thursday April 3rd 2014 from 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This year's event promises countless leads. For seven years now the expo has been a way to reach thousands of customers, giving business the opportunity to showcase their businesses to over 2,500 people.

### N.C. unemployment rate drops because of 45,000 new jobs

House Speaker Thom Tillis and Senate Leader Phil Berger issued a statement yesterday in reference to North Carolina's dropping unemployment rate.

"Our state's unemployment rate continues to drop at a faster pace than the national average."

In the past year North Carolina has added 45,000 new jobs.

### North Korea cultural awareness event to occur in Rivers Building

The School of Social Work in the College of Human Ecology is hosting a human rights presentation focused on North Korea today in the Rivers Building.

The presentation will cover a brief history of North Korea, the challenges citizens are facing and ways that change in the country.

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and math] majors and encouraging more talented students to follow in their path," said Kennedy.

Last fall, the departments of chemistry and physics started up their own Living Learning Community (LLC) at the university. As the LLC was established, Allison Danell, interim chair of the Department of Chemistry said, "We wanted to find an opportunity to find those students living in the community some scholarship."

With the support of faculty, advisors and other campus support staff, the Chemistry and Physics Scholars program will provide access to higher education to underrepresented groups who may not have had the opportunity to explore challenging majors.

Along with targeting first-generation college students, women and minority scientists are among those who could really benefit from being a part of the community, said Anne Spuches, associate professor in the department of Chemistry.

"The living learning community approach forms the backbone of the scholarship program," said Danell. "The community will be enriched by the presence of first generation students and will continue to provide rewards to ECU beyond the funding period."

The overall goals of the project are increased retention in STEM majors, increased four-year graduation rate and GPA compared to current STEM majors at the university.

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before April 11 free of charge.

Upcoming Pirate Fit double points days are Wednesday, March 26, and Thursday, April 3. On these days students are eligible to gain two points in a day instead of the usual one.

This semesters' Pirate Fit Spring 2014 edition is the SRC's eighth season hosting

the fitness program. Programs are offered in individual and group formats as well informational classroom settings. Two programs currently offered are Zumba and Les Mills Bodystep.

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the main campus student union will be located north and south between Joyner Library and 10th Street and east to west between Wendell Smiley Way and the Student Recreation Center.

Niswander did stress

the site is tentative and is in the earliest stage of the design process. No building design or blue print has been approved at this time.

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## PIRATE RANTS

ECU needs to provide more tutoring services for CSCI 2427. Many of us are in need of additional help, but it is near impossible to find good resources. None in PTC, Austin Math lab, or volunteers.

I'm glad I'm not like my roommate who takes an hour to get ready in the morning. If I was I wouldn't be able to sleep in.

To the ECU cop that blew through a red light for no reason: I saw that, you bad man.

Having sex with your boss is not what they meant when they said be passionate about your job.

My two cents is worth \$36 to be exact.

That look you get when the DJ plays "All I do is Win" and as a 23-year-old living in Tampa you instinctually scream E-C-U.

There is a special place in hell for the people that rev their engines extremely loud around the grid.

That awkward moment when you think you got a 101 on an exam. Then you see it's out of 150 pts. Strategic management class, thou art the bane of mine existence.

My phone's name is Dobby and my computer's name is Muggle. You can call me Hermione now.

Flashback to that one time Subway was out of cheese and spinach so my sandwich was just bread, ham, and oil.

I hate it when Family Guy and American Dad come on at the same time.

Winter go away already!! My skin is SUPER dry.

So she gave you crabs huh? She was a cheap date. What did you expect, lobster?

That moment when you have to run to the NCC bus to make sure you have somewhere to sit...Happy Hunger Games.

To the person asking what sorority OBX is, bless your heart. OBX = Outer Banks, like, the beach.

Please ECU!! Update your computers so your chemistry students can do their HW!

Thank your bus driver because ECU doesn't give a f\*\*\* about you to lower the price on parking passes.

Yeah, if people could stop stealing their pirate rants from jokes on the Internet, that'd be great.

I'm studying for biology over spring break. I'm not a very fungi.

To the girl who decided it would be fun to lock all the bathroom stalls after midnight so I had to climb underneath and unlock them in order for me to pee: I don't like you very much.

I think professors should have a "Rate Your Student" the same way students get "Rate Your Professor." Then students can see what teachers think of them, and teachers can be warned about any problem students.

To the girl who shared her umbrella with me at the five p.m. Minges bus on Monday-God bless you!

You'd think that Joyner would clean its keyboards once in a while.

The East Carolinian does not endorse statements made in Pirate Rants. Questions regarding rants can be directed to Will Farrar at opinion@theeastcarolinian.com.

# Our view

# Produce less trash by recycling more

In response to last issue's "RecycleMania" article, the staff at The East Carolinian believes it is extremely important for the environment, as well as the RecycleMania competition, to make efforts to recycle. According to the article, .40 pounds of bottles and .75 pounds of paper have been used since the beginning of the competition in February. With over 30,000 faculty and staff, one can only imagine how much recyclable material is being used.

We believe that more recycling bins should be available on campus. Instead of having them only in the residence halls and various academic buildings, there should be

recycling bins beside each trash receptacle on campus.

The benefits of recycling are infinitesimal. Recycling reduces pollution, saves energy, reduces our reliance on foreign oil, saves natural resources and much more.

Next time you're almost done with your grande Starbucks iced latte take the time to find a recycling bin, instead of tossing it into the normal trash. Not only are you protecting our beloved Mother Earth, you are also contributing to the university's score in the RecycleMania competition. Happy recycling!

# Mean Girls merges into real life



Jessica Richmond  
TEC STAFF

We are the Mean Girls generation; Actress Tina Fey was talking to us when she said "You all have got to stop calling each other sluts and whores. It just makes it OK for guys to call you sluts and whores." I've been thinking a lot lately about what makes girls think the way they do.

Guys, in general, tend to roll out of bed and into the world in a pair of gym shorts and a ratty t-shirt. Girls though, well, we try. If you walk into an average 20-something year old girl's bathroom you would find products of all sorts: to make hair shiny, to make pores smaller, to make feet crack less, etc. There is a constant need to change appearance that has me sincerely worried about why we're doing this.

There are very few guys in this world that are going to turn down a girl because she didn't use pumice stone on her feet. Yes, overall, the makeup, the clothes and skin care regiments will make a girl look more appealing to guys, but is

that really who we're doing this all for? I argue no. We don't do it for guys; we do it for other girls.

It's commonplace to hear girls say things like, "she should tweeze more," or, "she looks eight months pregnant in that dress." It's a girl-on-girl warfare and it's sickening. Feminism is spat on every time one girl dumps on another because of her appearance.

If we were to look at this from an evolutionary standpoint, as though we humans were the subjects of a National Geographic show (and if you've ever been to Fifth Street on a Thursday night, it's not that farfetched) it would make no sense. Typically a gender of animal only expresses violence towards the same gender for food, property or sex.

So to be clear, scientifically the reason for fighting about whether or not leggings are pants is because A) We don't have enough Pirate Bucks left, B) She has a better house in the grid than you, or C) You're competing for the same sexual partners. Option C is the most logical reason. ECU is a clam-bake, (there are 4,869 male students to the 7,459 female students) but

that's no reason to start tearing each other apart.

Many people like to believe we're post-feminist, that we have made all of the strides in our society and that women are on equal footing with men. It's simply not true and I believe it is because of this backstabbing culture we've developed. We degrade each other rather than empower each other. This leads to women settling— settling for being only a collection of hair care products when we're just as capable of existing by rolling out of bed and into the world in a pair of gym shorts and a ratty t-shirt. We're just as capable of being as successful as men but the culture has to change. If a woman exists first as an appearance and second as a person, we're doomed.

In the words of Mean Girls I sincerely wish, "... we could all get along like we used to in middle school. I wish I could bake a cake filled with rainbows and smiles and everyone would eat and be happy."

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# Know the reason for the season

## Will's Way



William Farrar  
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For most of you reading this, yesterday's Saint Patrick's Day festivities consisted of heavy drinking and pinching of your peers who forgot to wear green. Now, all you have left of the Irish holiday is a hangover and maybe a green Mardi Gras necklace you stole from some random person at the bar last night.

However, why did you celebrate St. Patrick's Day? Are you Irish? Do you acknowledge the cultural significance of the holiday? My guess is many of you are not Irish nor do you care about Irish culture. Instead, like us college students always do, we used the day as an excuse to party and throw back a few more beers than a normal Monday evening.

The annual holiday was first established as a day to remember the most commonly recognized patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick. The holiday comes every year on March 17 because it is the death date of Saint Patrick. Now the holiday has been made an official Christian feast day and is observed by the Catholic Church along with many other denominations within Christianity.

Along with Saint Patrick, the day is also used to recognize the arrival of Christianity to Ireland. Now that we kind of got the gist of the reason behind the season, let's not look so dumbfounded next year when that person puts you on the spot with the awkward "you aren't even Irish, bro." Yes, you probably don't have an ounce of Irish in your blood, but at least you can hit them with a little bit of knowledge and make them believe for a minute that you know what you are talking about.

St. Patrick's Day is not even a legal holiday in the United States, but our country is one of many that have taken the time to pay respect to the annual event. As Americans, we have generated a worldwide reputation of doing things unconsciously and acting in ways that may not be so beneficial to other regions of the globe.

Celebrating another country's holiday is a very generous and unselfish thing to do. I am sure that the country of Ireland and people of Irish descent are excited to see their culture involved in other cultures yearly festivities.



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Students like Tyler Dowson (above) celebrated the holiday by going downtown.

However, I believe as we celebrate this significant date, we also need to be conscious of the people and heritage that drives the holiday.

Drinking is a huge part of the holiday and it is just fine to get wasted to celebrate, but let's remember to establish some sort of respect for the serious side of the holiday first.

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Do you work and maintain a job during the school semesters?

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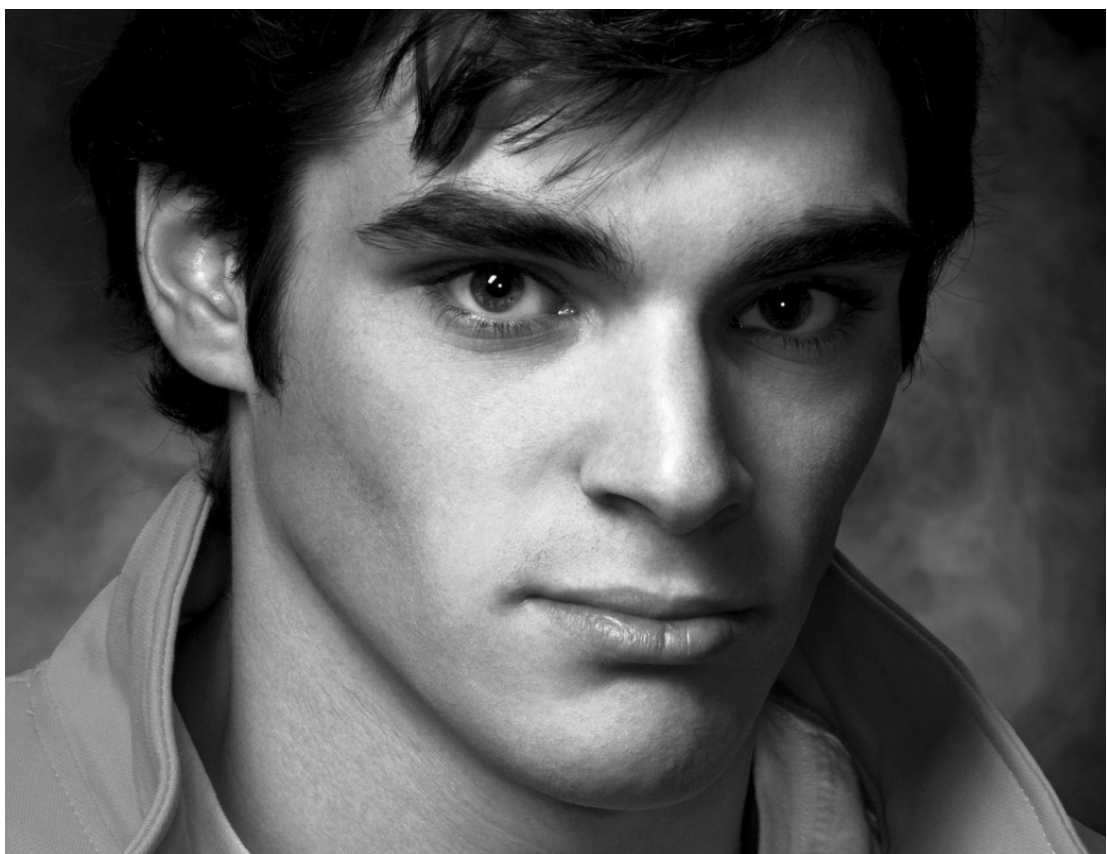
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# RJ Mitte from 'Breaking Bad' speaks at ECU about living with disorder



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RJ Mitte from AMC Network's popular series "Breaking Bad" will be visiting ECU this Thursday, to speak about his career and living with cerebral palsy. The event will be held in Hendrix Theatre at 7:00p.m.

The event is titled "Overcoming Adversity: Turning a Disadvantage to an Advantage" and will count as a wellness passport event.

RJ Mitte plays the role of Walter "Flynn" White Jr., a teenage boy with cerebral palsy. Mitte himself has a less intense variation of the disorder and does not require crutches like his character. The series finale had 10.3 millions viewers and the show received 42 Primetime Emmy Awards.

Mitte has received multiple awards including the SAG-AFTRA Harold Russell Award at the 2013 Media Access Awards for his role in Breaking Bad. The Screen Actors Guild has also named him the spokesman for actors with disabilities. Mitte

has been living with his disorder since he was three years old.

Since his role he has gone on to do many other things including his latest Gap Ad for their new "Lived-In" spring campaign. He has also shot for Dark Beauty Magazine showing a little more skin than what his fans are used to.

As well as modeling Mitte has used his publicity from the role to speak at colleges and educate students about the disorder and his journey with it. He is involved with many charities and organizations that support diversity in the media and actors with disabilities.

Mitte also has an award named after him presented every year at the Media Access Awards. In 2013 he presented the RJ Mitte Diversity Award to actor Ryan Lane, who is deaf.

Mitte has already visited colleges in New Jersey, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and even as far as Canada speaking to students about diversity and equality in the arts and media.

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RJ Mitte's event, "Overcoming Adversity: Turning a Disadvantage to an Advantage," will count as a passport event.

## GRAY GALLERY

# Best art on display

## School of Art and Design exhibits their annual undergraduate show

Katie West  
TEC STAFF

The School of Art and Design is currently displaying their annual undergraduate exhibition in the Gray Gallery. Each of the 12 departments displayed their best work from the past year.

Art majors submitted their work to each specific department for approval, which was then evaluated by the juror, Roger Manly. Manly the director of the Gregg Museum of Art at NC State University spoke at the reception on March 5. He gave a talk on southern visionaries and outsider folk art. Manly juried each department's work and gave awards of excellence per departments

This exhibition allows students to showcase their work in a gallery setting while simultaneously building their experience with exhibitions in general. As a résumé builder, the School of Art and Design hope to enhance the student's education with real life experience

The twelve departments featured over a hundred pieces of artwork in various and diverse mediums. Textile students were able to display pieces next to sculptures in a unique experience for both the students and the public audience.



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Students submitted their work to faculty who selected who would showcase.



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Featured textile students displayed pieces made using various techniques.



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Chris Morgan, senior sculpture major, won "The Award of Merit in Sculpture" as well as the "Dillion Supply Award of Excellence in Sculpture". Her piece entitled "The River Tigres" is from the collection "Daughters of Eden II."

# 2014 Primetime TV report card

Jessica Richmond  
TEC STAFF



your favorite shows. It's post mid-season, which means this time

It's that time of year again, time for media executives to destroy your dreams by cancelling

counts the most when shows are fighting for their lives. Typically networks look more closely at ratings for March when deciding what shows to keep or get rid of. Some shows are already dipping in the ratings and probably won't make it to next fall while others have already died a horrible cancellation death. Check out whether or not your favorite shows will live another day:

## CANCELLED

Back in the Game (ABC)  
Ironsides (NBC)  
Killer Women (ABC)  
Lucky 7 (ABC)  
Raising Hope (FOX)  
Sean Saves the World (NBC)  
The Assets (ABC)  
The Michael J. Fox Show (NBC)  
We Are Men (CBS)  
Welcome to the Family (NBC)

## RENEWED

Bones (FOX)  
Brooklyn Nine-Nine (FOX)  
Glee (FOX)  
New Girl (FOX)  
Sleepy Hollow (FOX)  
Supernatural (CW)  
The Big Bang Theory (CBS)  
The Following (FOX)  
The Mindy Project (FOX)  
The Originals (CW)  
Vampire Diaries (CW)

## NOT DOING WELL

Almost Human (FOX)  
Beauty and the Beast (CW)  
Betrayal (ABC)  
Community (NBC)  
Dads (FOX)  
Dracula (NBC)  
Enlisted (FOX)  
Hannibal (NBC)  
Hostages (CBS)  
Intelligence (CBS)  
Mind Games (ABC)

Nashville (ABC)  
Parenthood (NBC)  
Rake (FOX)  
Revolution (NBC)  
Star-Crossed (CW)  
Super Fun Night (ABC)  
The Carrie Diaries (CW)  
The Crazy Ones (CBS)  
The Mentalist (CBS)  
The Neighbors (ABC)  
The Tomorrow People (CW)

## MORE THAN LIKELY TO RENEW

2 Broke Girls (CBS)  
About A Boy (NBC)  
Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (ABC)  
Blue Bloods (CBS)  
Castle (ABC)  
Chicago Fire (NBC)  
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Criminal Minds (CBS)  
Elementary (CBS)  
Grey's Anatomy (ABC)  
Grimm (NBC)  
Hart of Dixie (CW)  
Hawaii Five-0 (CBS)

Last Man Standing (ABC)  
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Parks & Recreation (NBC)  
Person of Interest (CBS)  
Revenge (ABC)  
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Suburgatory (ABC)  
The Middle (ABC)  
The Millers (CBS)

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# 90s style is back

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Fashion-setters all over have shown nostalgia for the days of The Spice Girls and Kurt Cobain. Like all other fashion trends, the 90s look has made a full circle and several elements have been brought back into style.

As you go through old family pictures and re-watch old favorite TV shows, take notice of the styles and how similar they are with popular trends today. For the trends' current debut in the fashion scene, you don't have to worry about the embarrassing fashion your mother tried to get you to wear because the best elements of the grungy 90s looks have come back to be paired effortlessly with modern day fashions.

Many styles that you see around campus and in several stores seem current enough that it's difficult to realize they've been brought back from 20 years ago, but the styles that scream nostalgia include denim, crop tops, leather, clunky shoes, overalls and combat boots. Even several prints that were prevalent back then have come back around with sunflower printed fabrics and bright colorful prints all over a clothing article.

Jean clothing is back, with rompers and shirts and even overalls coming into style. The grungy look calls for acid-wash denim and multiple rips and tears to give a laid back, no-cares look. Try pairing some acid-washed overall shorts with a plaid top and some simple accessories. Even the jean over jean look can be revived if done correctly. A dark rinse pair of skinny jeans with a light acid-washed denim shirt and a few dainty accessories can complete the look.

As far as tops go, if you want to keep your style a little classy, you can be sure to bring the style of the bare midriff back without crossing the line by pairing a crop top with a bright, fitted blazer. Add a pair of high-waisted pants or shorts to gain a little more coverage. Graphic tees can be dressed up with a blazer as well, but can be dressed down with brightly printed tights or a pair of overalls.

Wild-printed parachute pants have made a major statement in the fashion world recently, with most stores offering



Donna Karen reintroduces baggy graphic tees.

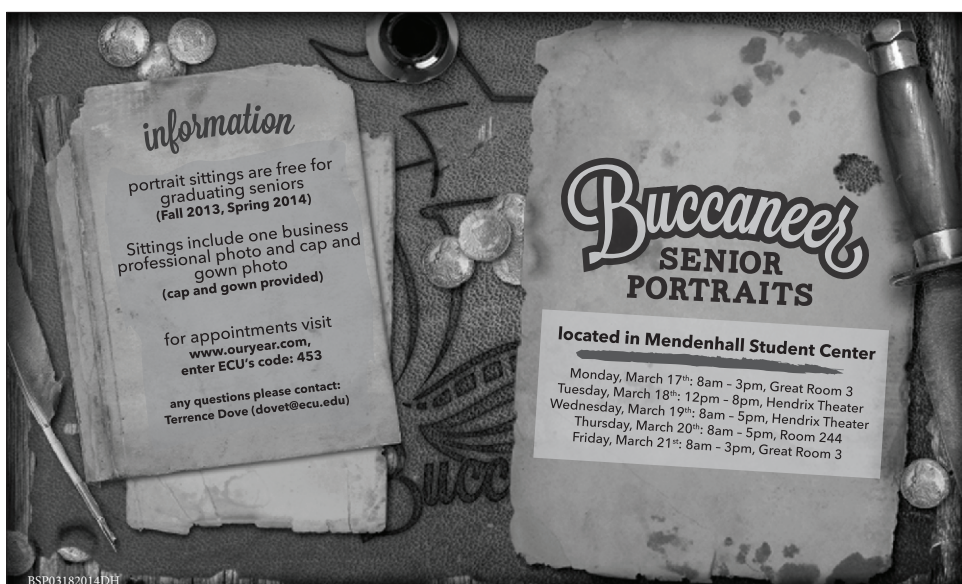
a pair of their loose and bold pants. With MC Hammer's pants coming back around, you can create a chic, classy look that still shows a little skin with a crop top, blazer, and flats. Wide-legged trousers will be a big style for spring, but the harem style pants will remain popular with the loose flowing legs and tight ankle seams. ww

Even some of the shoes from the 90s have found their way back on the store shelves and worn on the streets, especially Doc. Martens, combat boots and platform shoes.

You can easily take a pair of combat boots to any outfit to give a more casual feel to a dress or wear it with a pair of printed leggings to show a bolder side. Combats can go well with some rolled up jeans and a long-sleeve flannel. The grungy look of Doc. Martens have been in style for several seasons and with new colors and prints available, they've become a staple for any closet.

Many of the styles that have been brought back to life paint a perfect picture of the 90s lifestyle. Snap-on bracelets, vertical stripes, lace, flannel pants, satin and velvet finishes, over-sized sweaters and style backpacks are just the beginning of the list. Channel your inner 90s child and be happy windbreakers and light up shoes haven't made it back into the fashion world yet.

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## Hoops lose in El-Paso

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TEC STAFF

ECU closed the book on its membership of Conference USA after both the men's and women's teams failed to advance past the second round of their respective conference tournaments last week.

However, neither team left El Paso, Texas before becoming a part of history.

While the fifth-seeded Lady Pirates (22-8) enjoyed a first-round bye in the tournament, the 12th-seeded men's team faced Texas-San Antonio last Tuesday night, who it had already beaten comfortably, 81-71 at Minges Coliseum earlier in the year. But this time around, UTSA proved to be anything but a pushover.

The Roadrunners started the game 9-of-10 on field goal attempts and netted six of their first seven 3-balls to take a commanding 46-28 lead with just over three minutes left in the first half. Trailing by 18 points, the improbable happened for the Pirates (17-16).

Senior shooting guard Akeem Richmond began hitting threes from every angle at the Don Haskins Center on his way to a C-USA and ECU record, 11 three-pointers (11-for-19). Richmond's incredible shooting display fueled an unprecedented 31-6 run – including a 12-0 spurt by Richmond alone – that ended with ECU leading 59-52.

UTSA did claw back within three points of tying the score, but Roadrunners shooting guard Devon Agusi, who had already hit five 3's in the game, missed a game-tying jumper as time expired. The Pirates survived to win 79-76.

Richmond's 11 triples are also a C-USA tournament record and made him the league's all-time leader in threes in a season. As one of ECU's two seniors on the roster, he was determined to not let his collegiate career end quietly.

"I was definitely playing with

a chip on my shoulder," said Richmond, who finished with 36 points, just two points shy of his career-high. "As a senior, I don't want to go home. I want to continue to play and make this run, so I was motivated by that."

However, Richmond and the Pirates could not recapture similar success against the tournament's hosts, Texas-El Paso. Richmond turned in 14 points against the Miners, but nine of them were inconsequentially scored in the final three minutes with the game already decided.

UTEP guard Julian Washburn held him in check for the most of the night and on the other end of the floor scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Miners past the Pirates 77-68.

"(Washburn) told me before the game Richmond was not going to get 36 (points) and I said 'I hope that doesn't mean he'll get 35,'" UTEP coach Tim Floyd said after the game.

As for the Lady Pirates, they were on the wrong side of history earlier Wednesday afternoon against the Florida International Panthers.

Senior Jerica Coley, who was second in the nation in points per game (29.8) and recently became just the 10th player in NCAA D-1 history to score three thousand career points, poured in 42 points against the Pirates in FIU's 87-75 win at Memorial Gym.

Those 42 points moved her up to fifth on the NCAA scoring list as she surpassed some of the best women's college basketball players ever, including USC's Cheryl Miller, Delaware's Elena Delle Donne and Connecticut's Maya Moore.

Now that ECU's tenure in Conference USA is finished, it will begin a new chapter of Pirate basketball starting next season as a member of the American Athletic Conference.

For the men, the American



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**Andrea Shaw (40) led ECU in blocks per game and was key on defense.**

is a league that had five teams in the top 25 this season, while featuring, arguably, the most successful program in the history of women's college basketball: Geno Auriemma's Connecticut Huskies.

"It will be a gigantic step up for us in basketball," said ECU men's coach Jeff Lebo. "(Conference

USA) has been a terrific basketball league and has been great for our institution. I haven't been in it that long, but I really enjoyed our time in Conference USA and hate that it's over."

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## TENNIS ECU sweeps tourney

Zach Elsam  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU women's tennis team responded to a rain-shortened loss to Elon by consecutively defeating all four of their opponents during their international tour in Puerto Rico.

The Lady Pirates have participated in the Humacao, Puerto Rico tour biennially since the 2007 season.

The team began the series playing native University of Puerto Rico – Rio Piedras, a team that has infamously failed to succeed against its mainland visitors. The Pirates maintained that record with a convincing 6-1 victory in the series opener. Freshmen Emily Groeneveld and Betsy Zurawel made quick work of their singles opposition, defeating their PR-Rio Piedras competition 6-0, 6-0 in straight-sets.

A nightcap matchup against Bryant University the same day was next on the Pirates' lineup. ECU rolled on to a 7-0 shutout victory for their second win of the series. Junior Dana Gray and freshman Maria Storozeva made their series debut in the Bryant matchup and won 6-2, 6-2 and 6-2, 6-3 respectively in their matchups.

The Lady Pirates continued to impress and fought vehemently against Seton Hall to secure a thrilling 4-3 victory for their third win of the series. Zurawel shined in her performance against her opponent Julie Martiny (SHU), efficiently wrapping up the match 6-2, 6-0.

ECU now stands at a high-achieving 9-6 record heading into the final quarter of the regular season. The international tour lifted the Pirates from a 5-6 record to a legitimate championship contender.

The Pirates have a 10-day hiatus to travel home before facing a strong Coastal Carolina (11-2) on Friday.

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### BASEBALL

# Dilemma hits the pitching staff

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David Lucroy came into the 2014 Pirates baseball season as the number two pitcher in the starting rotation, but after three tough starts and a bad outing from the bullpen, Lucroy's role in the pitching staff is in question.

Lucroy, a redshirt sophomore, had a stellar freshman season in 2013. He posted the team's second lowest ERA with a 2.49 over 15 appearances and 14 starts, finishing with a 4-2 record. He allowed just a .194 opposing batting average and recorded an ECU freshman record with 82 strikeouts. The freshman garnered Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American honors along with

Second-Team All-C-USA and All-Freshman Team accolades.

His sophomore campaign has been a polar opposite.

In his three starts this season, he has lasted no longer than three innings and has allowed twelve total runs. In his lone relief outing, he lasted two-thirds of an inning and allowed an earned run. Lucroy is 0-3 on the season with a 14.04 ERA.

Control was something that Lucroy excelled at last season, but now that is the question in his game. He has allowed six walks with four strikeouts, two hit batsmen and a wild pitch.

The question for Head Coach Billy Godwin now becomes how to use the former standout.

Lucroy lost his starting spot and some younger pitchers are filling the role. Reid Love (1.57 ERA) has settled into the role in his first season at ECU. Freshman Davis Kirkpatrick (3.60 ERA) has also taken over a starting role.

The other two starters spots are Tyler Bolton (1.29 ERA) and Jeff Hoffman who are in no danger of losing their roles.

The Pirates bullpen is well set with seniors Ryan Williams (0.96 ERA), Drew Reynolds (1.50 ERA), Brett Mabry (2.12 ERA) and sophomore Nick Durazo.

With Lucroy's struggles and the hot-or-cold Pirate's offense, it is unlikely that Lucroy will see many starting opportunities. He has also shown from his relief appearance that things look no

better coming out of the bullpen. Whether it could be a fixable mechanical issue or just a "sophomore slump", the young right-hander needs improvement.

However, Lucroy may see work in the weekend series against Charlotte (3-13-1), who has had little offensive success to this point.

If Lucroy can right his ship against an inferior Charlotte team, he could see more work as the Pirates get into the conference schedule.

With seven of the Diamond Bucs' next eight games coming against struggling offenses and losing records, expect to see Lucroy occasionally from the bullpen.

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Friday 3/21

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6 p.m.  
Softball  
Marshall  
4&6 p.m.

Saturday 3/22

Softball  
Marshall  
1 p.m.  
  
(Away) Baseball  
Charlotte  
2 p.m.

## CALENDAR

### TAKEAWAYS

#### BASEBALL

The Pirates completed a doubleheader sweep against Tulane on Saturday defeating the GreenWave 13-3 in eight innings.

#### SOFTBALL

ECU lost their final game in a three-game series with Charlotte to finish out their first C-USA series with a 2-1 record.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

ECU accepted an invitation to the 2014 CollegenInsider.com Tournament. They enter the tournament playing Wright State (20-14) tonight at 7p.m. in Minges Coliseum.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates were defeated in the first round of the C-USA Tournament on Wednesday against FIU 87-75. The Lady Pirates accepted a bid to play in the Women's NIT tournament.

#### FOOTBALL

ECU's inaugural American Athletic Conference schedule was released on March 11. In the AAC, ECU plays Cincinnati, Central Florida, Connecticut, Southern Methodist and Tulane to name a few.

#### CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

The Bobcats (33-34) stand seventh in the Eastern Conference with 15 games remaining.

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# Diamond Bucs struggle over the break

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While most ECU students were busy enjoying their spring break, the baseball team was in action playing eight games, compiling a 3-5 record over that span.

After dropping game one of their most recent series against Tulane, ECU (10-10) battled back to win the final two games and take the series.

Despite their offensive woes thus far in the season, the ECU lineup came to life over the break. In game two of their double-header against the Green Wave on Saturday, ECU hit four homeruns with two coming off of the bat of Ian Townsend on their way to a 13-3 mercy-rule victory that lasted just eight innings.

Just hours earlier, in their first game of the double-header, Reid Love and Ryan Williams pitched gems to help the Pirates to a 5-2 victory. Love allowed just two runs on four hits during his 7.2 innings of work. Williams then came in and finished off the

game, earning the victory.

ECU also traveled to Wilson to play Wake Forest in a midweek non-conference bout. Freshman Bryce Harman picked up two hits including his first collegiate homerun, but the Demon Deacons battled back and picked up a victory after scoring three late runs. Ryan Williams, who has been the Pirates go-to man in the bullpen, was charged with the loss—his first of the season. Williams allowed three runs in 2.2 innings of work.

A day earlier, ECU hosted UNC Greensboro just one week after losing on the road to the Spartans. David Lucroy got the start for the Pirates, but continued his struggles, allowing four runs in three innings. ECU dropped the contest by a score of 6-5 and Lucroy was charged with the loss, falling to 0-3 on the season.

ECU also opened up conference play when they hosted Marshall for a three game set with the Thundering Herd. Jeff Hoffman toed the rubber for ECU in game one of the series but did not look like his usual self,

lasting just 3.1 innings. Before getting ousted, Hoffman gave up three runs. Relievers Nick Durazo, Hayden White and Jacob Wolfe combined to allow six more runs and the Pirates lost 9-8.

Game two proved to be a much different story for the Pirates. Travis Watkins' sac fly in the fourth inning was enough to help the Pirates win game two of the series, 1-0. Love had a strong outing recording five strikeouts in 5.1 innings before being relieved by Williams.

The Pirates dropped the rubber game of the Marshall series, as they were defeated 5-2.

Ryan Williams was perhaps the busiest of the Pirates over break. Williams appeared in five games and pitched 17.2 innings, allowing just 16 hits and five earned runs.

The Pirates return to action on Wednesday when they host VCU. The two teams met earlier in the year and VCU shut the Pirates out on their way to a 3-0 victory.



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Eric Tyler takes over as catcher for Travis Watkins.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## ECU starts CIT tourney vs Wright St

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A 77-68 loss to UTEP (23-10, 12-4) on Wednesday knocked the Pirates (17-16, 5-11) out of the Conference USA tournament, but ECU's season isn't over quite yet.

The Pirates will compete in the CollegeInsiders.com Postseason Tournament for the third time in four years and take on Wright State (20-14, 10-6 Horizon) tonight at 7 p.m. in Minges Coliseum. Wright State is an experienced team that has won seven of its last nine games.

Given the circumstances, the Pirates should be proud of their accomplishments this season. Junior guard Paris-Roberts Campbell was the only remaining starter from last year's Pirate squad that went 23-12 and won the CIT Championship in dramatic fashion.

ECU managed to win 17 games and ensure consecutive non-losing seasons for the first time since 1997. That is a testament to the development of ECU's basketball program and the impact of Head Coach Jeff Lebo in his fourth year with the team.

"We did it the hard way this year with seven guys throughout the whole season," said Lebo. "It's been a difficult period for us to get through but really rewarding here in the end—probably as rewarding as any season I've had as a coach."

If ECU can win its fifth straight game in Minges tonight, then it will play in the CIT's second round on March 21-22. Quarterfinals are on March 25-27 and semifinals are on April 1. The championship game will take place on April 3.

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