AGENDA
ECU Board of Trustees
University Affairs Committee
ECHI Conference Room
April 14, 2011

I. Minutes
   A. Approval of Minutes (February 24, 2011) 

II. Closed Session

III. Academic Affairs
   A. Conferral of Degrees
   B. Honors College Update

V. Research & Graduate Studies
   A. Undergraduate Research Presentations

VI. Athletics
   A. Athletics Facilities Update
   B. Financial Report
   C. Sports Updates
Minutes of the Meeting of the  
University Affairs Committee  
East Carolina University Board of Trustees  
February 24, 2011 at 1:30pm  
Mendenhall Student Center – Room 221

Attending: Bob Lucas (chair), Robert Brinkley, Carol Mabe, Joel Butler, Nick Floyd, Tremayne Smith, Deirdre Mageean, Virginia Hardy, Austin Bunch, John Durham, Steve Ballard and Terry Holland

Meeting began 1:34pm

Mr. Lucas opened the meeting by reading the conflict of interest statement.

The committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting (November 18, 2010).

Campus Safety – Bill Koch

- Bill introduced a few new members of the ECU family that deal with safety. Travis Lewis is new to the Dean of Students Office and is helping coordinating threat assessment for students on campus. Lt. Jason Sugg with the ECU police department, who is a recent graduate of the FBI National Academy. Sergeant Kevin Stormer has been leading his unit and served as strong liaison between ECU and the Greenville Police Department in particular when dealing with the recent deaths of two students in the fall.
- Bill discussed the recent release of information from the Virginia Tech shooting. He recapped some of the details and circumstances surrounding the shootings, specifically regarding the communication pieces to campus and students. We have all learned lessons from these situations. At ECU, the police department now has the clearance to release ECU alerts to campus when the situation arises. There will be an Active Shooter drill in August on the medical campus planned.
- Bill provided feedback from the last University Affairs committee meeting regarding student comments to the BOT members. He said they are building plans from the comments specific to sharing crime statistics, lighting, and crime prevention to the students. He said there are educational opportunities for us to continue to pursue for students and parents.
- He discussed an article in the materials to showcase where ECU is in relation to UNC-Chapel and other peer schools as compared to their surrounding areas. Part 1 crimes are lower on our campus with about 90% of the crimes are larcenies (i.e., stolen laptops, rooms left unsecured, etc.).
- ECU is developing a mandatory safety training to roll out in the fall to strengthen our education of students. We want to push this information out in front of students, in particular, with incoming freshmen early in their first semester. The faculty have been very receptive with sharing and collaborative with information.
- The blue light emergency phones are being updated from analog to digital which will allow for cameras and monitors to be attached. We are also changing the post colors to purple or gold for better visibility.

Academic Affairs –

- Dr. John Fletcher gave a brief enrollment update. 18,556 freshmen applications (+408 from last year) with about 8,000 admits. Additionally, right now we have 990 honors eligible freshmen admits which is up 32%. There will be 15 EC Scholars to be awarded this year, which is an increase also. Our target number of fall 2011 is a freshmen class of 4,000.
- Dr. Austin Bunch introduced Dr. Elmer Poe and Dr. Rosina Chia to discuss the Global Academic Initiatives program. Dr. Bunch explained some of the partnerships between ECU and our global partners. ECU has partnerships with 30 universities in 22 countries to collaborate cultural understanding on a global scale. He shared some of the accolades and awards for international innovation and global engagements, including the US Department of State’s request for ECU to offer academic curriculum on Global Climate Change and policies. This was a five country partnership to collaborate, inform and
educate each other. Global Partners in Education will be held next year on our campus. Rosina shared some of the core functions of the Global Understanding Course include the courses (Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology and International Studies) as well as some of the proposed future courses. This course is delivered in real-time video instruction and collaboration. 1,500 students each year are impacted by this course with four college partnership working together for five week sessions. Dr. Poe showed a brief video which demonstrates the delivery mechanism for the class. All course sections are delivered in English. Dr. Poe shared some of the benefits to ECU students for this program, including global understanding and perspectives, better understanding of our own culture, increased communication skills, and better job opportunities and skills. For ECU as a whole, this is a great cost and time saving piece because we aren’t traveling, but still participating and it is a great complement to study abroad.

Athletics – Terry Holland

- Terry gave a facilities update which included the stadium expansion for football. The softball stadium was dedicated and opened up with a win over UNC Wilmington last week. Terry discussed some of the important reasons why ECU athletics has undergone the facilities and construction, even in this poor budget time. First, there are low interest rates and we can get more bangs for the buck, and more importantly there is a financial boost to the local economy and businesses during this time.
- Nick Floyd informed more updates on the other facilities with the track and soccer complexes being slated for completion this spring. The team facility is going to bid and hopeful for completion in the next year. The basketball practice facility is moving along and $9 million of the $15 million goal has been raised and we are moving forward with design and development. More information about this is available during the BOT facilities meeting today.
- Nick said the goal was to keep the season ticket price at the same rates from last year, so the South Carolina game is not included in the season ticket package. Terry said the cost of individual game tickets have gone up, but there is a tremendous cost savings by purchasing a season ticket package.
- In longer range plans, the press box will be removed and replaced which would include suites and a new press box. That structure would allow for us to put an upper deck on that side of the stadium, but that is much further down the road.

Mr. Lucas made a motion to go into closed session which was seconded and passed. The University Affairs committed conducted its business in closed session and then adjourned the closed session and committee meeting at 3:20pm.
ECU BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
April 14, 2010

CLOSED SESSION MOTION

I move that we go into Closed Session:

1. to prevent the disclosure of privileged information under N.C. General Statutes §126-22 to §126-30 (personnel information) and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act;

2. to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, or conditions of appointment of one or more prospective and/or current employees and/or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against one or more individual employees; and

3. to consult with an attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Committee.
Proposed Motion to be offered by University Affairs Committee
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 14, 2011

Conferral of Degrees

I move that the candidates for degrees, as approved by the Faculty Senate and the Chancellor, be authorized for conferral on Friday, May 6, 2011, at the annual Spring commencement.
Undergraduate Research Presenters

These students were chosen from among 110 undergraduate presenters (275 total, including undergraduate and graduate student poster, oral and online presentations) during Research and Creative Activity Week, April 4-8, 2011. Most of the following students also traveled to Raleigh on April 13 for the biennial Research in the Capital Symposium to present their research to legislators.

Zachary Aardweg (Mentor: David Chalcraft, Biology, Harriot College of Arts and Sciences):
In the United States, there is a growing desire to produce more liquid fuels created from plant based sources like switchgrass (Panicum virgatum) or residual woody biomass. There are concerns about the sustainability of the production of biofuels and the possible effects on wildlife habitat and biodiversity. Few studies have examined how managing landscapes for the production of biofuels affect wildlife. We compared traditional intensive pine management and four biofuels management practices on abundance and diversity of herpetiles on 0.8 ha study plots in a randomized and replicated experiment in eastern North Carolina. The area was divided into four blocks that each contained a replicate of all treatments tested. The treatments compared a single harvest of woody debris left after clearcutting and/or planting switchgrass as a biofuels crop either between the rows of pine or exclusively. PVC treefrog tubes and pitfall traps were set up along a drift fence array in the center of each treatment plot and monitored for at least three days a week from mid April to mid July 2010. A total of 266 herpetiles were captured from 11 species. The majority of the captures were toads. Significant spatial variation in diversity and abundances of amphibians was found. Even though the habitat differed greatly among biofuels, treatments did not differ in species richness or relative abundance of the herpetiles found. The hot and dry weather experienced during the summer months of 2010 may have limited amphibian movements and decreased captures.

Johnathan Dennis (Mentor: Robert Chin, Technology Systems, College of Technology and Computer Science):
There are many technologies that can be installed in homes to lower their ecological footprint. However, most of them have to be installed in a home while it’s under construction. We intend to find energy savings by using and implementing technologies that can be installed in homes that already exist. These technologies include cool roof color materials (CRCMs) on metal roofs, sealing water heaters from losing heat and installing triple paned windows filled with inert gases. Since these technologies are being targeted towards lower and middle income households, cost is a major concern. They have to be affordable in both the short and long term and must be able to be installed in already
existing homes. With this in mind, we intend to find long-term energy savings that will make the higher initial installation costs worth the extra investment.

**Sarah Hardison** (Mentor: **Michael O’Driscoll**, Geological Sciences, Harriot College of Arts and Sciences):

Non-point sources (NPS) of water pollution originate from diverse sources, travel long distances via shallow groundwater, and discharge into streams and other surface water bodies. Determining the specific origin of NPS pollution is challenging. On-site wastewater (septic) systems (OSWWS) are common sources of NPS pollution in coastal North Carolina. The current method for tracking NPS pollution from OSWWS is costly and time consuming, requiring the installation and maintenance of numerous monitoring wells and collection and processing of the groundwater quality data. This study used an innovative geophysical technique to map the extent of water quality degradation from an OSWWS in Craven County near the Neuse River. The study compared electrical resistivity surveys with corresponding groundwater quality data. Results suggest that electrical resistivity surveys hold promise for tracking NPS pollution from OSWWS.

**Ashley Roseno** (Mentor: **Melani Duffrin**, Nutrition and Dietetics, College of Human Ecology).

Research shows repeated exposure to new foods may increase young children’s familiarity and preference for those foods. The objective of this study was to engage preschool children in hands-on, food-based nutrition education. The FoodMASTER Initiative developed a nutrition education curriculum geared towards introducing a variety of nuts and seeds. Children were engaged in two-weeks of daily 30-minute lessons that encouraged food exploration. Implementation occurred in two classrooms (n=25) and two classrooms served as control (n=18). IRB approval and informed consent was obtained prior to implementation. Photographed foods in combination with a five-point Likert scale (1= really sad, 5 = really happy) were used to measure food preference pre- and post-test. Post-test data indicated children preferred the taste of the targeted nuts and seeds. Children were also able to identify the targeted nuts and seeds as better for their bodies when compared to other snacks. Introducing new foods to young children using hands-on, food-based nutrition education is a promising method to promote healthier food choices in young children.
TO: Board of Trustees Athletics Committee

FROM: Nick Floyd

DATE: March 28, 2011

RE: Athletics Financial Report

The attached financial report contains information for the first nine months of the current fiscal year through March 18, 2011.

While it has been an unusual budget year with the number of adjustments that have been made since the original budget was finalized (out-of-state waiver issue, various unbudgeted construction projects, etc.), overall revenues and expenses continue to remain in balance as indicated on the report.

Even though the general economic conditions as a whole are unsettling, we remain optimistic about the future as we continue to build the program. As evidence, at this time both football season ticket sales and Pirate Club donations are tracking equal to or better than last year’s record paces.

We are also excited about the continued development of our facilities as we work to provide our coaches and student athletes with a first class environment for all of our sport programs.

Thank you for your support of our program and please let us know if you would like to discuss this report in greater detail.
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FOOTBALL
● Second-year head coach Ruffin McNeill and his staff addressed personnel shortages at the offensive line, defensive line and linebacking positions when announcing their 24-member 2011 signing class Feb. 2. In addition to the 24 student-athletes who officially signed their national letters-of-intent, the Pirates also welcomed freshman quarterback Cody Keith and freshman wide receiver Danny Webster to the squad as early enrollees, joining junior college transfer Leroy Vick (DT) on the spring roster.
● East Carolina released its 2011 schedule Feb. 10 and will add to its long list of opponents from automatic-qualifying BCS conferences with contests against South Carolina (SEC) on Sept. 3, Virginia Tech (ACC) on Sept. 10 and North Carolina (ACC) on Oct. 1 this year. The Hokies and Tar Heels’ visit to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium this fall will mark the first time since 2007 that two AQ teams have been featured on East Carolina’s home schedule in a single season. The Pirates have faced off against 24 opponents from AQ conferences during the last six years – an average of four per campaign.
● The Pirates opened spring drills March 21 and will use the period to install a new 3-4 defensive scheme and try to fill five offensive openings - three on the line - and four defensive slots. East Carolina returns nearly 70 percent of its lettermen and 60 percent of its positional starters (6/offense, 7/defense) from a 6-7 bowl participant squad in 2010. Only 45 members of the Pirates’ 2011 spring roster are upperclassmen (44 percent) - 18 seniors, 27 juniors.

BASEBALL
• Through 20 games the Pirates boast a 16-4 overall record, which includes five shutouts and a win over 10th-ranked Virginia.
• ECU enters Conference USA action this weekend against Memphis having won five-straight games, 10 of its last 11 and 13 of 15.
• Head Coach Billy Godwin became the third Pirate skipper to record 200 wins with ECU’s 7-4 win over Pepperdine. He currently owns a 209-121 record at East Carolina and is four wins away from passing Hall of Famer and former Pirate coach Keith LeClair (212) for second place.
• Seth Maness (March 7) and Kevin Brandt (March 21) have both been named C-USA Pitcher-of-the-Week this season. Maness tossed a complete game shutout against Pepperdine, allowing two hits with 11 strikeouts on March 4 for his fourth career weekly honor. Brandt struck out a career-best 12 batters in ECU’s 6-0 shutout of Rutgers on March 20 to earn his third career C-USA weekly honor.
• Junior Zach Wright (.296, 6 HR, 15 RBI) was named to the Johnny Bench Award Watch List for the second-straight year, which is given out annually to the nation’s top collegiate catcher.
• Senior relief pitcher Brad Mincey sports the fourth-lowest ERA in the nation (0.40) and boasts a perfect 4-0 record on the mound. The right-hander has allowed just one run in 22.2 innings and has not surrendered a run in 21.0 consecutive innings.
• Offensively Corey Thompson leads the team with a .338 average and 25 hits, while ranking second with 14 RBI. True freshman Jack Reinheimer has recorded a team-best four game-winning RBI, which includes a walk-off run-producing single in the bottom of the ninth against High Point on March 9.
• Ten newcomers have experienced action through 20 games for the Pirates with Reinheimer, Ben Fultz (freshman), Chase McDonald (freshman) and Tim Younger (junior) all becoming regulars in the starting lineup. Jonathan Holt (freshman), Drew Reynolds (freshman) and Mike Ussery (junior) have come off the bench regularly in late innings.
• In the season’s first NCAA statistical report (released March 21), the Pirates sport a nation-best 1.67 ERA through the initial five weeks of action. ECU also ranks among the national leaders in opposing batting average (6th/.205), fewest HR allowed (T6th/2), wins (T7th/16) and fewest earned runs (T8th/34). The Pirates have allowed just 2.8 runs per game so far this season, which is tied for fourth nationally.
• Individually, several Pirates rank among the national leaders: Mincey and Mike Wright (wins/fourth), Tim Younger (sacrifices/11th), Brandt (ERA/17th), Seth Simmons (saves/32nd), Maness (strikeouts/41st).

BASKETBALL (MEN)
• The Pirates finished the season with an overall 18-16 record, which marked their first winning season in 14 years. Their 18 wins are the third-most victories in school history and second-most as a Division I institution.
• ECU finished 8-8 in Conference USA and tied for seventh-place. Prior to this season, the Pirates had never finished better than ninth in the league and had never won more than five conference games.
• The Pirates were one of the most improved teams in the country this season, winning eight more games than they did the previous season. ECU ranked among the NCAA’s top 22 teams in terms of win differential from a year ago. It also matched the biggest single-season turnaround in school history.
• East Carolina finished the regular season with a RPI of 96 (out of 345 Division I schools). The Pirates recorded seven victories over top 100 RPI teams.
• Head coach Jeff Lebo’s 18 wins were the second-most in ECU history by a first-year coach. Dave Patton won 19 games during his initial season of 1974-75.
• The Pirates received their first post-season bid since 1993 (automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament by winning the CAA Championship) by accepting an invitation to participate in the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament. It was also just their fourth post-season bid as a Division I member.
• East Carolina won its first-ever Conference USA Tournament game by defeating UCF in the first round. The Pirates then advanced to the semifinals for the first time with an overtime win over top-seeded UAB in the quarterfinals. The Pirates had not won a conference tournament game since defeating American in the first round of the 1996 CAA Tournament.
• Senior Brock Young was named Conference USA Sixth Man-of-the-Year. It was the first time that an ECU player had received any of the league’s top individual post-season awards.
• Senior Jontae Sherrod was voted Third-Team All-Conference USA, becoming just the third player in school history to receive all-league honors.
• Junior Darrius Morrow made the Conference USA All-Tournament team after posting a double-double in each of the Pirates’ three tourney games.
• The Pirates scored their first-ever victory over Memphis, 68-57, on Senior Night after dropping the first nine games in the series.
• An average of 5,450 fans attended Conference USA games inside Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum, the most since 2003-04 (and most since the league was reshaped in 2005-06).
• Seniors Jamar Abrams and Jontae Sherrod each earned Conference USA Player-of-the-Week honors this year, marking the first time the Pirates have received multiple weekly award winners.

BASKETBALL (WOMEN)
• East Carolina earned its fifth winning season in the last six years and finished the campaign with a 16-15 ledger. The Pirates also secured a non-losing mark in Conference USA for the third-straight season, matching last year’s 9-7 record and fifth-place finish.
• Senior Kim Gay became the latest ECU player to earn All-Conference USA accolades with her selection to the third team. The Pirates have now had a member of the all-conference squad nine-straight campaigns. Additionally, Gay and sophomore Ariana Jackson were named to the C-USA All-Academic Team.
• Senior Allison Spivey became the first player in program history to record 200 three-point field goals, finishing her career with 201.
• The 43 points allowed at Marshall represent the lowest total scored by an East Carolina opponent in a C-USA road game.
• The Pirates battled some of the nation’s best squads this season. According to the official NCAA RPI, ECU faced UCLA (9), Maryland (14), Houston (26), Charlotte (56), UCF (59), Tulane (72), Hampton (77), UNC Wilmington (82) and VCU (90). Additionally, the Pirates played 16 games against teams that qualified for postseason play.
• East Carolina signed two top 65 position recruits in Courtney Melvin and Ja’Nesha Ebron as well as Tatiana Chappelle - the No. 102-ranked forward from Columbus, Ohio. Melvin was ranked the No. 31 post player in the nation by ESPN HoopGurlz while Ebron was tabbed No. 61 among guards by the same website. Both signees have North Carolina state championship game experience, as Melvin led East Bladen High School to the last three title games (1A and 2A) and Ebron helped South Central to its first 3A championship just one month ago. Ebron was named the title game’s MVP after scoring 20 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Melvin also surpassed current assistant coach Ann Hancock as the all-time leading scorer in East Bladen women’s basketball history.
• ECU owned the top two offensive outputs among C-USA teams this season with 102 points against Virginia Union and 97 vs. Massachusetts. The Pirates also boasted one of the two highest single-game assist totals - 28 against UMass.
• East Carolina led Conference USA in attendance for the third-straight season, drawing an average of 1,872 fans to Minges Coliseum.

CROSS COUNTRY
• The men’s and women’s cross country teams turned in a strong 2010 season. Each squad won the ECU Pirate Invitational. In addition, the men finished in the top five in four-of-seven meets this season while the women have turned in five top-five performances.
• Juniors Zack Montijo, Brittany Copeland and Tara Wilson were the leaders for the Pirates last season. Montijo earned Conference USA Third-Team honors with Copeland picking up a second-team selection and Wilson getting a third-team nod. It was the first time in program history the women had two All-C-USA selections in the same season. The league honors for Montijo and Copeland were the second of their careers.
• At the campaign’s first meet, the Covered Bridge Open, Montijo set the school record for a 6,400-meter race with a time of 20:32.11.
• A week later, at the N.C. State Wolfpack Invitational, Montijo turned in the third-best 5K in program history and sophomore Dillon Hawley had the ninth-fastest all-time mark. Copeland finished the women’s 5K in 17:57.4 to run the ninth-fastest race in program history.
The Pirates took advantage of their lone home meet of the season, winning the ECU Pirate Invitational for the second-straight year. Sophomore Cory Hampshire claimed the men’s 8K while Copeland took home the women’s 5K title. The men placed six runners in the top seven and the women had seven participants finish in the top 10.

At the Greater Louisville Classic, the men’s squad had six of their seven runners set personal-best times in the 8K while the women turned in five career marks in their 5K. For Copeland, her 5K was the third-best time in program history. She now owns two of the top-five performances on the all-time list.

At the Conference USA Championship, the Pirate men tied the 2004 and 2008 runners for the program’s best finish (fifth). The women were one slot behind their best-ever place of fifth from the 2001 meet, and tied the 2008 squad for the second-best performance.

Closing the year at the NCAA Southeast Regional, the men improved two spots from the 2009 event and turned in the program’s best performance (23rd place) since coming in 17th in 2004. The women’s team made a three-spot jump from last season and had its highest placement (21st) since claiming 17th place in 2008. Wilson also ran the fifth-best 6K in program history with a time of 21:40.3.

Montijo was one of nine male athletes selected to the Conference USA All-Academic Team at the end of the season.

**GOLF (MEN)**

Through nine events played this season, the Pirates were ranked 43rd in the Golfweek/Sagarin Ratings and 53rd in the Golfstat ratings.

East Carolina finished in the top four of five events played this spring, including a third-place finish at the Seahawk Intercollegiate. The Pirates’ lowest finish of the spring was seventh out of 17 teams at the General Hackler Championships played on the TPC at Myrtle Beach.

Junior Harold Varner is ranked 22rd as an individual in the Golfweek/Sagarin Ratings. Varner posted runner-up finishes at both the Palmetto Invitational and Furman Intercollegiate this spring. He also earned Conference USA Golfer-of-the-Week accolades for his four-under par performance at the Palmetto Invitational. Varner has recorded four top 10 finishes in five events.

Junior David Watkins has compiled five top 20 finishes this spring, including a team-best sixth-place finish at the General Hackler Championships.

ECU will co-host the River Landing Intercollegiate in Wallace, N.C., April 8-9. The Pirates will then compete in the Conference USA Championships, April 24-26 in Texarkana, Ark.

**GOLF (WOMEN)**

The Pirates currently own an 80-23-2 overall record and are ranked No. 49 nationally by GolfWeek and No. 52 by Golfstat heading into their final two events of the season – the UNCW Lady Seahawk Classic (April 4-5) and the C-USA Golf Championships (April 18-20).

For the 11th-straight season, the Pirates recorded at least a share of first place in an event when they claimed their 19th team title at the UNCG Starmount Fall Classic with a 36-hole score of 595. On March 8, they earned their second team title of the season and 20th in school history with a tournament score of 891 at the Barefoot at the Beach Intercollegiate (Myrtle Beach, S.C.), nine-shots ahead of Big Ten member Wisconsin.

In four spring events, ECU has garnered three Top 5 finishes and has stood no worse than second in its last two events (Barefoot Intercollegiate/1st, JMU Eagle Landing/2nd).

Senior Colleen Estes has recorded three consecutive Top 20 finishes, which included a share of sixth place at the Barefoot Intercollegiate with a nine-over 225. She currently owns a 78.42 career stroke average, which ranks 10th all-time at ECU.

Freshman Fanny Wolte was named C-USA Golfer-of-the-Week on March 9 after claiming her first collegiate title at the Barefoot Intercollegiate with a two-under par 214, which included a career-low round of 69 to open the event. She currently owns a 74.43 stroke average, which ranks as the second-lowest single-season average in school history.

**SOCCER**

ECU finished the 2010 season with a 9-9-1 overall record and a 4-6-1 Conference USA mark.

With construction of the new soccer complex underway, the Pirates played their home games at the North Campus Recreation Complex, where they have finished with a 4-2 record. An average of 438 fans (2,631 overall) attended ECU’s six home games, establishing a new school record for overall and average attendance.

Four Pirates were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Scholar All-South Region team: Amanda Broz (second-team), Kimmy Cummings (third-team), Amanda Malkiewicz (second-team), and Jessica Woodward (second-team).

Junior Rachel Fuller was one of 12 student-athletes to receive the Conference USA Fall Spirit of Service Award.

The Pirates were one of 442 women’s programs to earn the NSCAA Team Academic Award for the 2009-10 academic calendar year. ECU posted a 3.24 grade-point average and received the award for the seventh-straight year (and 10th in the last 13).
Jessica Woodward (second-team), Amanda Broz (third-team) and Amanda Malkiewica (third-team) garnered All C-USA honors. The three selections marked the sixth consecutive season that ECU has had at least three players on the All C-USA Teams.

Cummings, Malkiewicz and Woodward were all named to the C-USA All-Academic Team. Malkiewicz and Woodward were repeat selections from 2009 and garnered first-team honors, while Cummings was a second-team selection.

Seven student-athletes declared their commitment to join the Pirates in 2011 - Beth Batchelor, Allyson Glover, Lexi Herring, Kelley Johnson, Kelly Miller, Mackenzie Semerad and Brett Thomas.

**SOFTBALL**

Senior All-America selection Toni Paisley was chosen by the Akron Racers as the 10th overall pick in the 2011 National Pro Fastpitch College Senior Draft March 18. Paisley became the first Pirate to be drafted into the professional league.

Paisley became the ECU all-time wins leader March 19 at Marshall, when she recorded both victories in the Pirates’ doubleheader sweep. Her 103 triumphs are one more than Jenny Parsons (1990-93/102). Paisley trails only DePaul’s Lindsay Chouinard (2000-03/108) for the Conference USA career-wins mark.

March 15 against Charleston Southern, Paisley threw her fifth career no-hitter, the third most in Conference USA history.

Paisley broke the Conference USA and East Carolina career strikeout records Feb. 18 against St. John’s with the 949th whiff of her career. Paisley has since become the first league or school pitcher to reach 1,000 strikeouts as she owns 1,081.

Freshman Jordan Lewis was selected as the March 21 Conference USA Hitter-of-the-Week.

From Feb. 19-March 4, the Pirates won nine-straight games. It was ECU’s fifth streak of nine or more victories since the start of the 2007 campaign.

East Carolina defeated Campbell 6-0 Feb. 27. It was the Pirates’ 16th consecutive triumph over teams from the state of North Carolina as they have outscored the foes 103-12.

The Pirates opened the new East Carolina Softball Stadium Feb. 16 with an 8-0 victory over UNC Wilmington. Freshman Kristi Oshiro recorded the facility’s first hit, double and run scored while junior Priscilla Velasquez drove in the first run.

Paisley was named the Preseason Conference USA Pitcher-of-the-Year, marking the second-straight year she has earned the league’s top preseason pitching honor.

As a team, the Pirates were picked to finish second in C-USA, trailing Houston in the preseason poll by just seven points.

Tracey Kee is in her 15th season at the helm of the Pirate softball program and is nine victories shy of 650 in her career. The two-time defending Conference USA Coach-of-the-Year and 2010 National Fastpitch Coaches Association Mideast Region Coaching Staff-of-the-Year honoree has a 641-321-1 mark. She began the season ranked 43rd among all Division I active coaches in career victories (618) and 30th in winning percentage (.664).

**SWIMMING AND DIVING**

The women’s team finished as runner-up at the Conference USA Championships, while the men’s team placed third at the Conference USA Invitational.

Senior Jenna Stewart won the women’s 50 and 100-yard freestyle individual titles and freshman Atilla Kiraly won the men’s 400-yard individual medley championship.

A total of nine ladies and 10 men earned all-conference honors by finishing in the top three in their respective events.

The Pirates posted more than 30 all-time top 10 times during the conference meet, including eight individual varsity records.

Five individual and three relays teams recorded NCAA ‘B’ cut times during the conference championship event.

Meghan Coyne, Tyler Dunsmore, Kirstie Russell and Katie Yamamoto each competed at the NCAA Zone B Diving Championships.

**TENNIS (MEN)**

The Pirates have compiled a 10-4 record through their first 14 matches of the spring semester, including a 5-1 mark at home.

Freshman Joran Vliegen became the first Pirate to win C-USA Men’s Tennis Athlete-of-the-Week (Feb. 8) honors since Felipe Fonseca took the honor on Jan. 25, 2005.

Vliegen has the second-highest winning percentage of any singles player in Conference USA with at least 10 matches play. Vliegen is 11-1 in singles competition this spring (.917), including a 7-0 mark at the No. 4 position. Sophomore John Schmitt is fourth at 10-2 (.833).

The Pirates have four home matches remaining (March 25; April 9, 14 and 16).

The 2011 Conference USA Championships will be held in Tulsa, Okla., April 21-25.
TENNIS (WOMEN)
• Head Coach Tom Morris has opened his 13th spring season guiding the Lady Pirate program and has directed East Carolina to a 12-5 start as of March 24.
• ECU opened the spring campaign winning five of its first six (and 10 of its first 12) matches, which includes victories over Davidson, Campbell, Coastal Carolina and Conference USA rival Southern Miss.
• Freshman Neena Wanko has started her collegiate career off on a good note, topping the squad in singles play with an 11-4 record through her first 15 matches playing primarily at the No. 5 position (7-4).
• Junior Natalie Collins and sophomore Petra Vogel lead the Lady Pirates’ doubles efforts, compiling a 10-4 mark.
• In all, ECU has produced team ledgers of 64-37 (singles) and 34-14 (doubles) so far this year.
• East Carolina will wrap up the 2011 season with play in the C-USA Championship Tournament (Orlando, Fla.) on April 21-24.

TRACK
• East Carolina enjoyed a highly successful indoor season in which five athletes won event titles at the Conference USA Indoor Championships in Houston. Dennis Aliotta (shot put), Drew Kanz (high jump) and Tynita Butts (high jump) were repeat champions while Austin Lewis (60-meter dash) and Aiesha Goggins (400-meter run). Additionally, Goggins’ time of 54.15 was fast enough to set the C-USA Indoor Championships record in the event.
• Butts garnered her second career All-America honor in the high jump as she finished fourth at the NCAA Indoor National Championships in College Station, Texas with a mark of 1.84 meters. She is the first repeat female All-America in program history.
• It took Butts just one attempt in her first high jump showing of the 2011 indoor season to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships. Her mark of 1.87 at the Christopher Newport Invitational ranks as the second-best in the nation.
• The ECU women are listed at No. 42 in the final release of the indoor national rankings and 11th in the southeast region. The Pirate also received recognition, placing 16th regionally.
• ECU brought back all five of its league champions from last season as Maegan Lewis (hammer), Drew Kanz (high jump), Butts (high jump), Dennis Aliotta (shot put) and Matthew McConaughey (javelin) reached the top of the podium at either the C-USA Indoor or Outdoor Championships.

VOLLEYBALL
• The volleyball squad ended its season with a 2-30 overall record and a 1-19 league ledger. The team was one of the youngest in the nation with six freshmen and two newcomers – including former Pirate softball standout Marina Gusman-Brown.
• The Pirates had three athletes earn all-tournament recognition during the non-conference schedule. Junior Britney Roper garnered accolades at the East Carolina Classic and Delaware Invitational while classmates Jackie Varnum and Nicole Jones were honored at the Georgetown Classic and Wake Forest Black and Gold Challenge, respectively.
• ECU consistently ranked in the top half of the league statistics in blocking as they finished with a 1.98 average (sixth). The Pirates out-blocked their foes in 14 matches this season.
• Varnum put up a stellar hitting mark against Rutgers at the Delaware Invitational, putting down 12 kills on 17 attempts with no hitting errors. It was the top percentage in the league for much of the year and the second-highest in program history.
• Junior Amanda Lutzow posted five double-doubles in 2010, including two in league play at UAB and at home vs. Marshall. The other three were against Cleveland State, Campbell and Binghamton.