

SCIENCE & TECH

Green Tip of the Week

courtesy of Laura Fieselman

Do you really need to print? You may not save an entire tree from not printing out that syllabus or that draft or even those notes, but just think: If you and everyone else in your class and the whole school and your office and your house etc... were to prevent themselves from clicking print before thinking if it is necessary, could save a tree from getting cut down to give us those 80,000 sheets of paper.

<http://planetgreen.discovery.com/home-garden/tips-clutter-paperless-existence.html>

Record Lows Hurt Turtles

Calley Jones, Staff Writer

The recent snowfall was exciting for an area that doesn't tend to see much of the white stuff, but for other inhabitants of North Carolina and the rest of the south, the unexpected cold snap was deadly. Sea turtles rely on the water to keep up their body temperature and generally head south when it starts to get cold. If the temperature drops too quickly, they may become trapped in shallower waters; they become "stunned," unable to move and at the mercy of the currents. Every winter sees a few cases of these cold-stunned turtles show up.

This year's prolonged cold snap has seen droves of these lethargic turtles washed up on shore

or floating on the surface. All three NC Aquariums have been involved with taking in these stranded sea turtles as well as the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center on Topsail Island. The turtle populations most affected by this weather were those of the Florida coast. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), more than 3,000 cold-stunned sea turtles were rescued through mass efforts by the FWC and volunteers. Many of these turtles are still being rehabilitated and will hopefully be released back into the wild soon.

For some turtles, rescue came too late and according to

Mike Shutak's article in the Carteret County News-Times, some 530 dead turtles were sent to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) labs in Beaufort, NC for further study into the cold-stun phenomenon. This allowed workers in Florida to focus on the turtles that could still be helped. It is yet unknown what long term affect this may have on the sea turtle populations, but the majority of the cold-stun victims were endangered Green Sea Turtles. An unavoidable tragedy, the FWC and other agencies rose gallantly to the occasion and will hopefully see the fruits of their labors on the nesting beaches this summer.

SPORTS

Batter Up!: Softball Season Returns to Meredith College

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Get ready for the start of a new season of softball here at Meredith College! The Avenging Angels are ready for a new beginning and are looking to improve upon their record of 13-17 from last year's season. With a huge arrival of 12 new freshmen, the MC Angels are expected to be a brand new team with a lot of talent to bring to the field.

The team is lead by the four returning players, juniors Arielle Stout and Val Sherrer along with sophomores Logan Hill and Olivia Izze. These four players will be in charge of motivating and leading the freshmen, as well as setting an example of the type of elite play that is expected at the

collegiate level. This is a difficult feat for the upperclassman, but the team's success will ultimately hinge on the upperclassman's leadership abilities.

The 2010 squad has already competed in the fall season together, and came out very successful with a 3-0 record. The team hopes to pick up where it left off and continue dominating on the field. The team's strength this season include defensive fielding from a variety of different positions, as well as a very talented pitching rotation.

The 2010 team is looking to face top competition this year from a variety of different schools. They are facing off not

Player of the Week

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Name: Kristen Stewart
Position: Center
Major: Business Administration

This issue's Player of the Week is junior Kristin Stewart. Stewart has been playing for the Avenging Angels for three seasons now, and as the starting center for the 2010 team, Stewart is one of the biggest threats the Angels have to offer. She is currently 2nd in the conference in block shots, totaling over 38 for the season so far.

Stewart has been playing basketball since for 9 years. Her skill and dedication has allowed her to become a very talented player. She is also a Business Administration major with a minor in Coaching Education which she is earning at NC State. According to Stewart, juggling time for practice and school work is one of the most difficult challenges of being a college athlete. However, for Stewart the relationships with her teammates make it all worth it. "My favorite part of being on the team is being able to play the sport that I love while having fun with my teammates," stated Stewart.



only against Division III schools in the USA South, but also against talented Division II schools. The team will have to be focused and united in order to expect a victory against these tough competitors.

Everyone expects big

things out of the Meredith College Avenging Angels Softball team. Come out and support your angels! The next home game is on Tuesday, March 9th at 4 P.M

