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Lisa Devita, shop manager for costume design, said she enjoys her job, but she also realizes that there are limitations for any costume designer. Although she would recommend the field to anyone with artistic talent and aspirations, there is a catch.

"You can't just be a dreamer," Devita said, "You have to also have technical skills as well because there is a lot of hands on action."

Aubrey Harpman, senior, started working with costume design as part of her work-study program and then decided to change her major into this field.

"I hope to do this professionally some day in New York, California, London or some big city," Harpman said.

Costume design is a competitive field that demands both creativity and technical expertise. At ECU, any student can begin to develop their interests and skills in costume design with the department of theatre arts. For more information, contact Jeff Phipps in the theatre arts department.

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Macbeth costumes already designed, they are just waiting for the hands that will make them to bring them to life. (Photo by Emily Richardson)

"It depends on whether we have to do dying and fabric modification (applying airbrushed design) and the elaborateness of the costume," Phipps said.

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for its efficiency in fighting a certain illness. In order to participate in these studies, a person must have the particular ailment.

"The patient will be evaluated by a doctor to determine whether traditional [current] methods will be effective in combating their illness," said Anderson, health information manager for the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. "If it is then determined that the clinical study would be of benefit to them and all requirements are met, they will sign the informed consent form, and the study will begin."

These programs use several different methods to procure test subjects for the studies. Newspaper articles, radio broadcasts and fliers in local neighborhoods have all been used as methods to locate willing participants.

"The more traditional forms have been effective enough, but they are very expensive compared to the Internet," Tomczak said.

The Clinical Research Institute gives several reasons that one would participate in a clinical study. Patients often resort to experimental drugs when normal methods of treatment fail. Patients often receive the medicine in the study free of charge. Certain studies will include medical treatment for the problems being studied outside of the medicine being tested, and a few offer monetary benefits. Everyone who participates has their own reasons for choosing to do so.

"It depends on the possible side effects if I would do it or not," said senior Kate Tomlinson. "The money is appealing, but it's not like I'd do it if it had some crazy side effects."

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definitely not meant for the vertically challenged, but it was comfortable nonetheless.

The Courtyard Tavern offer a variety of appetizers to start the evening out, such as its ever-popular mozzarella sticks and onion bloom. For those who are a little more daring and willing to taste something different, I recommend the artichoke dip, as well as the Jamaican chicken skewers which had a Caribbean taste, seasoned to a tee.

For such a laid-back restaurant, entree selections such as the bourbon salmon grill, filet mignon del mar and margarita swordfish were quite sophisticated. I had the Parmesan chicken grill, a juicy grilled chicken breast topped with a rich Italian sauce, provolone and Parmesan cheese, served on top of fettuccine noodles. I was very impressed with the hearty portion size they brought me. The leftovers made for a delicious lunch the next day.

Of course, if you're going to go, you should go all out, so I saved some room for the desserts. Although they had so many delicious dishes to choose from like chocolate fondue and Southern pecan pie topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, I decided to go with the apple cinnamon crisp.

If you like Applebee's apple-cinnamon crisp, you will love the Courtyard's. However, if you like Chili's apple cinnamon tart, I suggest you continue going to Chili's. It's definitely different.

Although the menu has a variety of items to choose from, most of it is at an affordable cost. If you walk in with \$10, you will be able to eat well and possibly leave with a doggy bag. Of course, if you feel like splurging a bit, \$20-\$25 will do the trick.

Overall, I enjoyed the Tavern experience. In only an hour I was able to sit back, enjoy the atmosphere and dine on delicious cuisine.

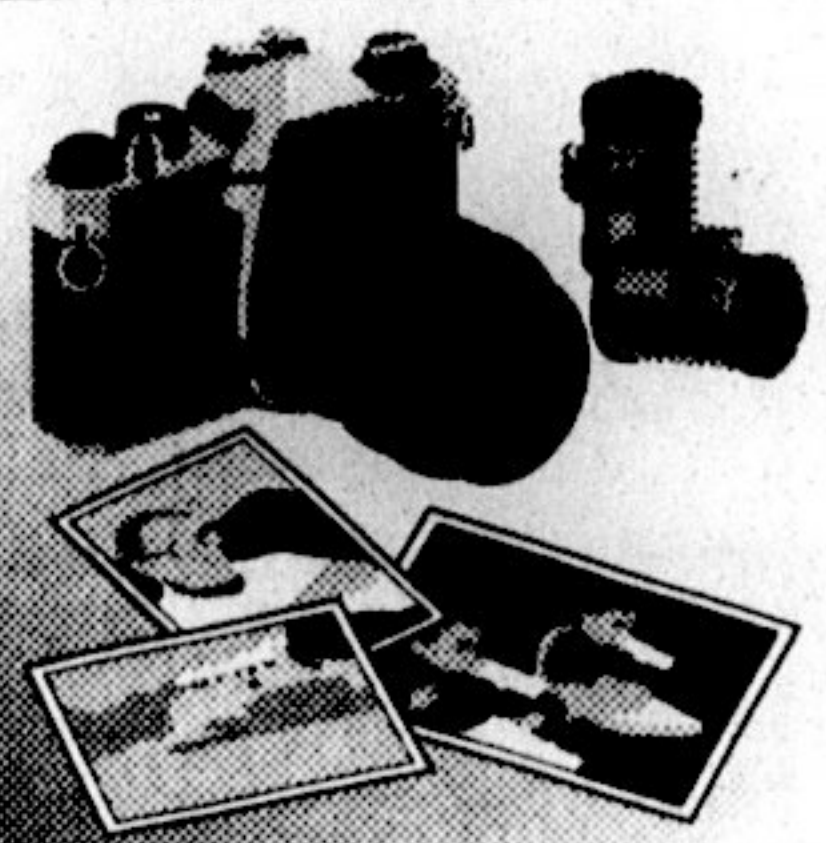
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Snowman patiently awaits his season to shine



The Christmas shopping season officially began the day after Thanksgiving. Advent, the beginning of the Christian Christmas preparation, begins Sunday, December 5. This little snowman begins his holiday season as soon as someone grabs him off the shelf to take him home. (photo by Patrick Raulet)

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