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Suspect in death of NC police chief's daughter to return to Charlotte

Associated Press

Authorities waited Wednesday for the return of the man accused of killing a police chief's daughter and the autopsy report that may force them to revisit an early murder charge.

Michael Neal Harvey, 34, was expected to return to Charlotte within hours or days, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police spokeswoman Rosalyn Harrington said Wednesday.

He was arrested in Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Monday after police issued an arrest warrant accusing him of murder in the death of Valerie Hamilton, 23. She was the daughter of Merl Hamilton, police chief of the Charlotte-area city of Concord.

Hamilton was seen leaving a Charlotte tavern with Harvey early in the morning of Sept. 15, police said. Witnesses said she appeared to be leaving voluntarily.

Harvey blamed Hamilton's death on drugs.

"She overdosed in her sleep. This is not murder. This is not a murder at all," he told reporters Tuesday just before declaring to a Niagara County, N.Y., judge he would not fight his extradition to North Carolina.

Harvey was arrested at the home of longtime friend Paul Maikranz, who said Harvey denied killing Hamilton and said it was a liaison gone wrong.

Charlotte police appeared to add some credence to Harvey's claims.

A preliminary autopsy found no gunshot or stab wounds, strangulation marks, or bludgeoning impacts that might have killed Hamilton, so detectives were waiting for the results of toxicology and sexual assault examination tests, police said.

Harvey moved Hamilton's body after her death "and made great efforts to clean up any potential crime scenes before he disposed of her body," police said. The body was wrapped in an unspecified material and stuffed into a storage locker, where it was discovered early Sunday.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Chief Rodney Monroe said after Harvey's arrest the investigation would be shaped by autopsy results that "will determine additional charges or modification of charges."

Harvey was a registered sex offender after his conviction for first-degree sexual abuse in New York in 1996. He was convicted in North Carolina in June 2009 of felony breaking and entering for stealing golf clubs, power tools and other property the year before.

3rd Annual Patriot Run to take place November 20

Staff Reports

The ECU Army ROTC Pirate Battalion and Brook Valley Country club are hosting the 3rd Annual Golden Corral Patriot Run on Saturday, November 20. The five-mile route starts at 8:30 a.m. and will go through the Brook Valley Golf Course and subdivision. All proceeds raised for this event will benefit the Ft. Bragg Survivor Outreach Services. SOS was started to help families of fallen military personnel and give them community support. For more information on sponsoring the event and how to register, log on to patriotrun.com.

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The charred remains of a mock dorm room demonstrated the importance of a smoke detector and sprinkler system.

Pirate Safety Day instructs students on safe choices

Display included a live-burn demonstration, Tiki bar and car crash simulator

Matt McLaughlin FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Yesterday on the Brickyard was a perfect day to spend your free time watching a dorm room fire, experience a low-speed car crash or even get practice mixing drinks. All of these activities were a part of ECU's first-ever Pirate Safety Day, to teach students how to make safer choices when it comes to living both on and off campus.

Pirate Safety Day kicked off at 11 a.m., immediately grabbing the attention of students passing



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by, with the various activities and refreshments offered.

Event Coordinator Christa Radford with ECU's Environmental Health and Safety Office explained, "It's a way to provide students a fun and interactive way to remind them of the safety issues that are relevant to them as college students."

Although there were many activities and opportunities offered at the event, the highlight for many students came shortly after 12 p.m.: two mock dorm rooms that had been erected in the center of the Brickyard were set on fire to demonstrate the importance of fire safety, smoke alarms and sprinkler systems. The first dorm room, which had no

sprinkler system, was completely engulfed in flames in under a minute, with temperatures inside the room reaching over 1600 degrees Fahrenheit.

Justin Salisbury, who is a junior and president of ECU's Voices for Victims Organization, was just walking onto the mall when the first room caught flame. "I was crossing Founders Drive over by the Flanagan building when I saw tons of black smoke from the first dorm room fire. It was impressive how much smoke you could see from the other end of the Mall."

The second mock dorm room had a sprinkler system installed

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Prof. and Coffee Party discuss jobs, economy

Hannah Jackson STAFF WRITER

The Coffee Party USA met on Tuesday at the Topsy Teapot with special guest speaker Rick Niswander. This meeting was especially relevant to students, with the topic being jobs and the U.S. economy.

The Coffee Party USA was established in January 2010 on Facebook by documentary filmmakers and political activists. They were upset that the Tea Party movement represented America, so they began a "Coffee Party Movement." The group grew to over 155,000 by word of mouth and social networking in less than six weeks.

They focus on the democratic

process and engaging Americans to participate and share their opinions. Their slogan, "Wake up and Stand up," promotes their goals of getting cooperation from the government and removing corporate influence from politics. The Coffee Party is also planning on holding their first annual convention on Sept. 24-26 in Louisville, Ky. Anyone can participate or gain more information about the Coffee Party by accessing their website.

Rick Niswander was the guest speaker, and as the Dean of the College of Business here at ECU, he had a lot to talk about from his own experiences from teaching as well as being a businessman. "The

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Blood drives encourage student donations to aid Greenville community

Jennifer Soares ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The American Red Cross estimates that every two seconds, someone will need a blood transfusion here in the United States. Approximately 38,000 blood donations are needed every day to keep supplies at a normal level.

At ECU, the Volunteer and Service Learning Center (VSLC) and the American Red Cross Blood Services are both dedicated to retaining the blood supply in Greenville.

"Only 38 percent of people in America are eligible to donate blood, and of those, only 8 percent actually do," stated the Red Cross. "That amounts to only three out of every 100 people."

Every semester, different organizations on campus have blood drives that generate a decent supply of blood for the Red Cross. On Tuesday, Sigma Phi Epsilon hosted a blood drive from 12 to 6 p.m. at their Sig Ep house located on Fifth Street.

"We run this drive once a semester," said Alex Pardue, senior vice president of the fraternity. "We have been doing this for the past three years now, and it has been a big success."

Everyone is encouraged to give blood, especially those with a rare blood type. The blood type O-negative can be transfused to all

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The latest ailment of college students: "laptop-itis"

Jamie Harper STAFF WRITER

Medical experts are now warning college students to be aware of the warning signs and symptoms of "laptop-itis." A term coined by physicians at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, "laptop-itis" can lead to long-term health and posture problems. Poor posture and overuse of laptop computers can lead to both repetitive stress injuries and carpal tunnel syndrome.

Laptop sales have now surpassed desktop computer sales, and many universities require the purchase of a laptop for incoming freshmen.

Kara Schwartz, a freshman exercise physiology major, said, "I use my laptop every day, probably more than five times a day."

College students across the country use laptops on a daily basis and carry them everywhere. Schwartz said, "I carry my laptop with me, and all my friends take their Mac Books everywhere."

Since the keyboard is connected to the computer monitor and options for positioning are limited, there is no way to properly position the computer in order for users to achieve optimum posture.

"When you use a laptop, you have to make some sort of sacrifice," said Dr. Kevin Carneiro of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at UNC Chapel Hill in a university news release.

Three out of four students are at risk for "laptop-itis," so it is important



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Freshmen Kasie Fatig (top) and Emily Loconte using their laptops in the Joyner Library Courtyard.

to be aware of the warning signs. Headaches located at the top of your head, neck and shoulder pain, wrist pain and tingling in the fingers,

especially the thumb, are all important danger signs

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A mock fire is put out with a fire extinguisher.

and was able to contain the fire, unlike the first room that had to be put out by the Greenville firefighters, who had been readily standing by.

Afterwards, Life Safety Services Battalion Chief Doug Branch spoke to the audience, explaining the difference that can be made when people take the initiative to prevent a fire. According to Branch, the fire department receives roughly five calls from student housing on and off campus in a single day.

Local law enforcement also

came out to participate, as Officer S.L. Styron, with Greenville Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit, gave students a ride on the "Seatbelt Convincer," which simulates a 10-mph car collision. Upon hitting the stop at the bottom of the track, the shock jerks the rider forward and back in the car seat just like a real car crash, but without the physical danger that is usually involved.

"You can watch people fall forward and glasses fall off on this machine that only goes eight to 10 miles per hour. Now imagine that

crash at 35, 40, even 50 mph and you can understand why it's so important to wear a seatbelt," said Officer Styron, after helping one student off the ride.

Kelley Urban is currently studying nutrition and works as a graduate assistant at ECU's Wellness Center. After riding the Seatbelt Convincer, she explained, "I went forward and my sunglasses flew off my face. I know I forgot to put my seatbelt on sometimes, but that was really an eye-opener."

Students could also stop by the

Campus Wellness's Traveling Tiki Bar to test their drink-making skills, where students were asked to pour exactly one ounce of water into a solo cup while wearing "drunk goggles" to demonstrate how drinking can impair a person's judgment.

"It's an entertaining and educational way to teach students about how to be safe," said one of the Tiki bar's volunteers, Chelsea Corey.

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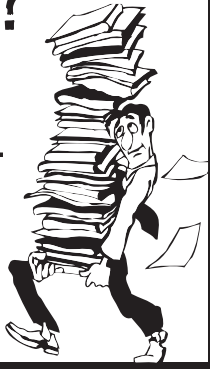
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overall goal is to provide participants with an overview of the relationship between jobs, employment and the overall economy."

There are around 300 million people living in the United States, with half currently in the workforce. The unemployment rate rises more rapidly than it will fall, so it will take years for it to drop back down.

Every month, 4 to 5 million people are hired, which is a drop in the bucket compared to the amount of people who are looking every day for jobs, including many students here in Greenville according to Niswander.

Niswander provides some advice to college students who are looking for a job. "You have to work at it. Getting a job is a job: it takes planning and execution. Connect with the ECU Career Center. Go to Career Fairs; get a part-time job or a summer job. It is not one thing, it is a bunch of little things."

He also states that you should show why you should be hired over the person sitting next to you, especially if you both have the same amount of qualifications. Niswander also commented on the importance of education. "In a recession, education matters even more." Companies are not hiring as much as they were a couple of years ago, so the most qualified and most educated person will obtain the job.

In four to six years, the majority of students will have to face the job market, so it is important to understand how it all works in relation to the economy. Niswander adds, "If students are more informed, they will have a head start when they look for a job."

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patients because it is considered to be universal.

"I always donate my blood whenever I can because I know people need it," says senior Brittany Williams. "Since I have O-negative blood, it can be used for anyone."

Another universal need is type AB-positive plasma, because it can be given to patients with different blood types. Plasma is the yellow liquid portion of blood that makes up about 55 percent of the total blood volume a person has. It is also made up of almost 90 percent water and contains proteins, glucose, clotting factors, mineral ions, hormones and carbon dioxide.

In order to donate, students must be at least 18 years of age, weigh over 110 pounds and be in good health. Also, if you are pregnant, you must wait at least six weeks after giving birth before you can donate. If you have gotten any tattoos or piercings in the past 12

months, you must check to see if the shop is state-regulated to ensure it is safe to give blood.

If anyone would like to donate, you can simply log onto the American Red Cross website and click on "donate" to look up when the next event is taking place. You must schedule an appointment in advance to donate, and directions are listed on the website.

Students can donate blood today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Health Science building on campus. The American Red Cross Blood Donor Center is also accepting donations today from 1 to 7 p.m. at the East Carolina Blood Donation Center. Remember to bring your drivers license or some other form of identification, drink plenty of water and eat something before making any kind of blood donation.

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that laptop users should pay close attention to.

Carneiro recommends the following suggestions for students to help avoid these problems. Although the ideal solution is to have a docking station with a wireless mouse and keyboard for your laptop, there are other things that can also be done. A lightweight computer is always a better option when there is a choice.

One of the most important things you can do is use correct positioning. Always keep your elbows, knees and hips at 90 degree angles and your wrist in a neutral position. Support your wrists and elbows at all times.

You should use an adjustable chair with back support whenever possible. Position your body so that you can view the top third of the monitor screen without bending

your neck, and always try to avoid bending your neck whenever you are working.

"Drinking plenty of water keeps the discs in your back lubricated and healthy," Carneiro said.

Chris Sisneros, a licensed massage therapist at Merle Norman Spa in Greenville, has many clients who come in with pain from overuse of computers. He also says the best solution is better positioning of your

body and simply "being aware" of your posture.

Sisneros, who specializes in deep tissue, Swedish and other types of massage, says when you experience muscle pain, massage is a great way to relieve the tension in your muscles and will help improve your posture.

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In Tuesday's paper, in the article " 'Rebel 53' calls for entry submissions," TEC incorrectly printed submission deadlines as Saturday and Sunday. The accurate drop-off times are Thursday, Sept. 23, between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m., and Friday, Sept. 24, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge.

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Dear roommate: I'm not too good to pick up dog s**t, I'm too good to pick up YOUR dog s**t. Clean up after you own dog. mKay?

How many days till spring break? Panama City is calling my name.

My Roommate's girlfriend has not slept at her apartment once since school has started. If she sleeps her one more night then the utility bill is on her next month!

Can we please bring back the sex column? Reading her stories made my day.

No means yes until the 3rd time.

I've taken about a billion classes with you and all I see on your facebook the night before a test is you complaining about how you have to pull an all-nighter so you can learn all the material. You'd think that by your senior year you would study ahead of time or would have actually learned something while at ECU and not have to study 24/7.

To the dude in the traffic-cone-orange t-shirt at the gym this past Saturday night: I wasn't staring at you, I thought I heard someone yell my name, so do me a favor and stop looking at me like a creeper while you are playing basketball.

Dear neighbor across the hall: please have your sober self tell your drunk self not to slam the door when you come in late at night because my sober self enjoys sleep more than your drunk self. K thanks!

She's like a Taco Bell: open all night long...drive-thru only after hours!

If you are unable to control your motor functions when you drink could you please switch to cans? I'm tired of picking glass out of my bike's tires and my dog's feet.

People play the piano so often in my dorm that I feel like I'm stuck in The Sound of Music and I can't get out.

To the person who laughed at VT in last Thursday's rants: I'm blaming you for our loss. Thanks for jinxing it.

Something happened since I was a freshman: they apparently took all of the textbooks out of high schools and replaced all of the students with dummies. Thank you freshmen, for allowing ECU to live up to its party school standards.

You don't have to come and confess, we're lookin for you.

News flash: You'll never make a difference arguing with Brother Ross. And stop being so sensitive! I'm sure your friends say far worse behind your back.

You and your bestie called me a b*tch among other things behind my back...yet every weekend you invite me to party with you...clearly you didn't get any smarter over the summer.

Why did NC State bother getting a live mascot? They could have used one of their cheerleaders and nobody could have told the difference.

To the girl who saw me trying to cross the street but pulled so far up it blocked the cross walk while text-ing away: Thanks! I missed a test and was late for another class!

To the girl taking pictures of herself on the bus...Really?!

More Pirate Rants on our website!!!

Growing up in our generation



Jamey Womack
OPINION COLUMNIST

We, as a generation, are stepping away from the "cookie-cutter" world of what it is to be an adult. Why? Because not for a second do we believe that a "Leave it to Beaver" life will ever be possible in 2010.

In 1960, society might have said that you would not be considered an adult until you were married, had kids, worked a steady job and owned a home. And it might have said that a college degree wasn't required to have that dream job that you've always wanted. Or you wouldn't be looked down upon if you were a woman and chose to stay at home with the kids, instead of contributing financially to the household.

But that was when gas only cost 25 cents and the men were the only ones fighting in wars.

Now, times are different and being an adult for my generation does not look the same as it did 50 years ago.

Society with its high expectations says that now to find a decent paying job, we have

to have a college degree. And to have an even better paying job, we need a master's or a doctorate. How can we grow up quicker when most of us will be graduating college and aging out of our 20s at the same time? Because that is what society expects. Now the work force is more competitive. We don't have a mill on every street that together will employ the entire town. We are fighting, tooth and nail, to get that one job opening that a hundred other people want as well.

When it comes to settling down, getting married and starting a family, how can we at our age? Especially when years are spent trying to find a job to support ourselves, let alone a family. And what kind of influences do we have from the previous generations? There is a divorce rate in the U.S. that is at an all-time high, and we're expected to be willingly open to the option of settling down at such a young age, when for most of us, divorce is what we have to look forward to.

It's scary to think for a moment that anyone would condescend our generation by saying that we are "stunted" when it comes to being an adult.

But that is exactly what freelance writer and author of "What Is It About 20-Somethings," Robin Marantz Henig, did.

Henig says that our generation is breaking the "traditional

cycle" of what society considers as becoming an adult. We remain "untethered to romantic partners or to permanent homes, going back to school for lack of better options, traveling, avoiding commitments, competing ferociously for unpaid internships."

We are "forestalling the beginning of adult life."

But what does a woman, who has been writing longer than I have even been alive, know about being a young adult in this place and time?

Nothing. Which means she has no right to condescend my generation for their slower rate in maturing and becoming an adult when she isn't the one who is having to survive it.

Being an adult is not based off of a set list of requirements, and in no way should we be criticized for not "acting" like an adult.

Just because we are not progressing as fast as "20-somethings" did in 1960 doesn't make us less driven to succeed in life.

Our generation is already up against the world and society. We don't need 50-year-old women telling us why we are struggling with being an adult. We already know, and if we don't, we'll figure it out while getting the degree that society expects us to have.

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CHASE KNOLL

WE GOT YOUR T-SHIRT, YOU DONE LEFT FINGERPRINTS AND ALL... YOU ARE SO DUMB, YOU ARE REALLY DUMB. FOR REAL!

ANTOINE DODSON

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A pretty girl with a bad reputation



Leslie Baker
OPINION COLUMNIST

When others ask me where I go to school, I often find myself reluctant to answer. Knowing their reaction before I respond, I cringe and allow those three letters to escape my mouth: E-C-U. Their reaction is usually the same: an impulsive laugh or a joke at the school's expense. An even more disappointing response is the kind in which no words are spoken at all. Instead, I'm given a wry, caustic smile, as if to say, "Ah, she's just some floozy party girl who couldn't get into school anywhere else." Before I transferred to ECU three years ago, I would laugh along when others joked about the university's less-than-favorable reputation. Because, I told myself, there's certainly nothing I can do to change what others think.

Since then, however, I have developed a pride in both the university's aesthetics and academics. This historically rich campus is among the most beautiful I have seen, and the Brody School of Medicine, along with our visual and performing arts schools, are some of the best programs of their kind in the country. ECU also has a nationally recognized teacher education program, preparing more teachers for the classroom than any other university in

North Carolina.

Yet despite these credentials, our party school reputation often precedes us. ECU was recently listed on Playboy's Top Ten Party Schools of 2010, and it seems that many students are boasting this as an accomplishment. This notoriety is an embarrassment, at best. It should serve as a wake-up call to students that their future alma mater, the school that will be forever listed on their résumés, may be forever known as a party school.

Those who come to ECU simply to stagger around Fifth Street aren't just putting themselves at a disadvantage. Professors are forced to lower their course standards due to slack students, which ultimately lowers the quality of classes. Those who are diligent may find they aren't challenged enough, while those with little educational priority whine about homework interfering with their social lives.

When it comes to uncovering the root of the problem, it seems fingers are pointing in all directions. Some may contest it's ECU's responsibility to raise admission standards and become more selective when choosing students. What these blame-shifters may not be aware of is this: ECU has been steadily raising its admission standards and now accepts fewer applicants than several other schools in the state.

Although I do believe the university could benefit by cracking down further on admissions, the answer to our problem may not be directly related to an admittance policy.

A campus is more than just a conglomeration of administration, buildings and textbooks.

It's you. It's me. It's our peers and professors. We are the pulse of this university, and only we can change how it is perceived.

Often hear, "ECU needs to change... oh well, it is what it is," or, "This school has such a bad reputation [snicker]." Shut up.

Laughing, shoulder shrugging or blaming other students will never solve our problem. Instead, we must remember what truly makes a university respectable: dedicated, knowledge-thirsty students.

ECU's beautiful campus undergoes expensive facelifts every year to project a distinguished image to prospective students and parents. However, the administration can spend an infinite amount of money to create this artificial prestige via new buildings and frilly landscaping, but what they are hoping for isn't flowing in some fancy new fountain -- it is lying dormant in the student body. It is time we, administration included, become proactive.

So, my fellow Pirates, instead of perpetuating our reputation by bragging about your drunken escapades and complete apathy toward education, stand on your purple-and-gold soapboxes and tell everyone who will listen why you're proud of this university and how hard you've worked to get where you are. Do this today so that years from now, when someone asks you where you went to college, you can hold your head high and declare that you attended the beautiful, prestigious, and respected East Carolina University.

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Dear Editor,

I am writing you this e-mail to let you know how my visit to Virginia was this past weekend at the Virginia Tech versus ECU game. I felt that someone other than my friends and family should know about this experience because it was quite offensive to me as an ECU student.

Last weekend, I went to the game with my father and brother and things were great at first, nobody had any problems. The problems started when we actually got to the stadium. People there were so rude to us. No one said "excuse me" if they walked in front of us, sorry if they bumped into us or thank you when I held the door open for them... the school that represents themselves with the quote "Hokies Respect."

I understand that sometimes people forget the mere gesture of courtesy on an everyday basis, but this past weekend really made me feel disrespected.

Football games are supposed to be fun. I don't go to a game to talk crap to anyone or make anyone feel disrespected; instead, I let my fellow Pirates know that I support them.

Their fans lacked good sportsmanship. Every time they scored they would make fun of our mascot. I know this is something little and I'm sure everyone does it to be smug, but it was very rude. Never once did the Pirates around me make fun of the Hokies when we scored; we simply cheered on our Pirates.

My father and brother (both from Virginia) were also disgusted about how their fellow Virginians acted toward us.

Although these little things really bothered me, the fans' lack of respect for our football team bothered me 10 times more.

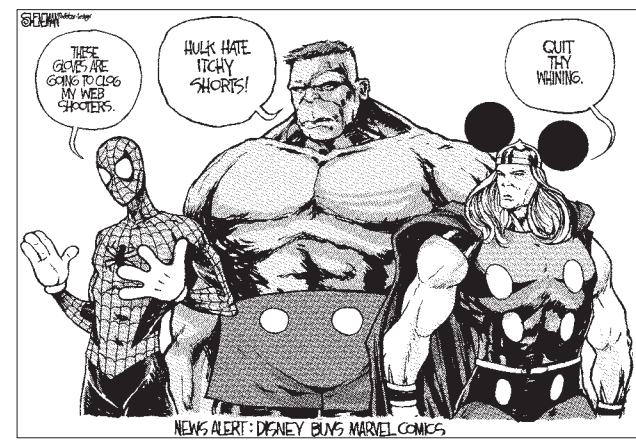
During the game, one of their players got hurt and as the player lay on his back on the ground, every Pirate in the stadium was quiet. When he finally got back on his feet, we all applauded him with respect. Not one Pirate in the stadium was rude.

I only wish the Hokies fans could have had the same respect for our football player, Dwayne Harris. During the game, Dwayne Harris got hurt, and as coaches and referees were trying to find out what was wrong with him, the Hokies talked the entire time. When Dwayne Harris was helped to his feet, the only people that clapped for him were the Pirates in the stand.

I feel that even though Dwayne Harris ended up being OK, they should have showed him the same respect that the Pirates showed for the injured Virginia Tech player.

I hope that when fans from other schools come to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium that we welcome them with respect and great sportsmanship for supporting their fellow football players. We're all there for one purpose: to support our football players.

-Heather Barnes



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48 million people in the United States receive their drinking water from private or household wells.

In the typical Canadian home, 45 percent of water is used for the toilet, 28 percent is used for bathing and personal matters, 23 percent is used for laundry or dishes, and 4 percent is used for cooking or drinking purposes.

It's impossible to get water out of a rimless tire.

Less than 2 percent of the water on Earth is fresh.

A tea in China called white tea is simply boiled water.

Ray Kroc bought McDonald's for \$2.7 million in 1961 from the McDonald brothers.

7 percent of Americans eat McDonald's every day.

400 quarter-pounders can be made out of one cow.

A man named Ed Peterson is the inventor of the Egg McMuffin.

The big M on McDonald's signs in Paris is the only one in the world that is white, rather than yellow; it was thought that yellow was too tacky.

McDonald's in New Zealand serves apricot pies instead of cherry ones.

The McDonald's at The Skydome in Toronto is the only one in the world that sells hot dogs.

On average, there are 178 sesame seeds on each McDonald's Big Mac bun.

Carbonated water, with nothing else in it, can dissolve limestone, talc, and many other low-Mohs hardness minerals. Coincidentally, carbonated water is the main ingredient in soda pop.

The citrus soda 7-Up was created in 1929; "7" was selected because the original containers were seven ounces. "Up" indicated the direction of the bubbles.

Fanta Orange is the third largest selling soft drink in the world.

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Coca-Cola owns the world's second largest truck fleet.

Coke is used to clean up blood spills on highways.

Diet Coke was only invented in 1983.

Pepsi originally contained pepsin, hence the name.

In 1989, Pepsi came out with a morning soft drink called Pepsi AM. It didn't last long on the market.

The first western consumer product sold in the former Soviet Union was Pepsi Cola.



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ECU student Katie Barnett texts on her phone's "qwerty" keyboard.

Texting, talking and other technology takes its toll on health

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STAFF WRITER

It's not uncommon to see a number of students walking through campus with cell phones in their hands. In fact, it has become the norm. Students are more likely than not seen with their heads down and fingers flying as they frantically text between classes. If not that, they're spotted with their cells propped up to their ear as they have conversations with family members back home, or with friends about weekend plans.

Technology use has no doubt been on the rise, and though it may seem like a brilliantly fast way to communicate, it has its downsides. The use of cell phones, smart phones and even video games are posing major health risks.

Perhaps the biggest risk comes from using smart phones

such as the BlackBerry. Ever heard of BlackBerry Thumb? Users all over the country are developing the fairly new condition. BlackBerry Thumb is characterized by soreness in the thumbs. It can also be accompanied by a tingling sensation. What's worse, it can lead directly to thumb arthritis.

Smart phones are the biggest offender because they're used for more than just texting. In the college realm, students often use their PDAs for going on sites like Facebook and Twitter, as well as checking BlackBoard and e-mailing professors and classmates. In the business world, they're used for e-mailing clients, sending reports and doing research on the web. In fact, a businesswoman in Philadelphia had surgery on her thumb earlier this year. She had her thumb tendons removed due to excessively using her smart phone.

Ashton Whitmoyer, an ECU junior and psychology major, had carpal tunnel surgery earlier this year. "The doctor said

I could have gotten it from texting," Whitmoyer confessed. Whereas carpal tunnel was once associated with the elderly, it is now becoming a problem for today's youth. "Sometimes I don't feel like texting because my hands are tired," added Whitmoyer.

Today people are exercising their fingers, especially their thumbs, more than ever. This is dangerous because the thumbs are not built to withstand so much movement. WebMD reports that the thumbs are intended to serve as stabilizers and don't have a lot of agility. Though one may not see the negative affects of texting immediately in their young lives, it is highly likely that they will develop a problem in adulthood.

It's clear that BlackBerry Thumb has affected a decent amount of people, as treatments have begun to pop up around the country. Some spas now offer thumb massages that can cost as much as \$80. At-home remedies have also been introduced, such

as the Xtensor, which looks like a glove and can be strapped on the hand to exercise the fingers and thumbs.

BlackBerrys and other smart phones aren't the only culprit. Cell Phone Elbow is another condition affecting the nation's health. It is caused by keeping one's elbow in a bent position for a long period of time, such as when one has long conversations on their cell phone. The condition is characterized by pain, numbness and a tingling sensation in the forearm. It is the second most common nerve compression syndrome in the lower part of the arm, the first being carpal tunnel.

Guitar Hero Wrist, caused by playing the popular video game immoderately, is another technological health risk. "When I used to play Guitar Hero, my wrist would hurt after a while," said Whitmoyer. Google "Guitar Hero Wrist," and dozens of links will pop up with forums of people complaining of sore wrists after playing the game for extended periods of time. There is even a

Facebook group entitled "Guitar Hero Gave Me Arthritis." Not only are teens and young adults posting complaints about their pain, but so are parents who are concerned that their children are suffering similar ailments due to the game.

So what are some reasonable alternatives? For one, some smart phones are beginning to offer Speech to Text applications. These allow people to speak into their phones and have their message translated into text. In terms of Cell Phone Elbow, using headsets or speakerphone are two reasonable options. Switching hands while on the phone can also help.

Still, the simplest thing that can be done is taking a break from technology when it starts to take its toll. Stop the activity at the first sign of pain from texting, talking or gaming. Relax, stretch your fingers and invite a friend over for some old fashioned face-to-face communication.

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Pirates hunt for used treasures at consignment shops

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Short on cash, but still have an urge to add pieces to an already overflowing wardrobe — or just in the mood to add a unique piece of clothing to the same ol' everyday styles? Look no further than the local consignment and thrift shops.

Class is now back in session and students have less time devoted to work and making extra cash, but there always seems to be the occasional urge to go shopping for some new items. Some say shopping can be therapeutic, but that is not always the case at the end of the month when the bill comes in.

Consignment shops, thrift stores and secondhand stores are all great alternatives to buying name brand items at full price. Many students are

taking full advantage of these shops and saving a ton of money on clothes they would otherwise buy for twice as much.

"I love consignment shops because I do not like to spend a lot of money on clothes," explains sophomore nutrition major Lindsey Davis. "Sometimes they have really good stuff for half the price," Davis continues. "Why buy something brand new for full retail price when you can get something that has only been worn a couple of times for almost less than half the price?"

The savings from shopping in consignment shops can be more than rewarding. "I have bought Seven and Joe's jeans for less than \$50," said Davis. Getting name brand clothing for less than half its retail price satisfies a college student's budget and closet.

There are quite a few consignment and thrift shops in the East Carolina area. Twice Is Nice, which is easily accessible to students, is located at 107 E. Arlington Blvd. Although the shop is small, great deals can be found there. They have a selection of Vera Bradley for more than 50 percent off retail price. They do not have the newest designs and patterns, but they have purses, bags and wallets that are like new for a much cheaper price.

Other consignment shops are East Carolina Consignment, located at 3193 E. 10th St., Timeless Treasures at 1914 Turnbury Drive, Consignment First-Greenville, and My Sister's Closet at 329 E. Arlington Blvd. Many great deals can also be found at

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A wide selection of clothing & antiques at Dapper Dan's off of Dickinson Rd.

Local musician performs at Topsy Teapot



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jake Melnyk performing a song off his album, 'Road Out of Here.'

Solo acoustic artist plays songs from newest album 'Road Out of Here'

Marlana Sifter
STAFF WRITER

Tonight you are invited to enjoy a melodic blend of acoustic rock by singer/ songwriter Jake Melnyk, who will appear at downtown's Topsy Teapot at 8 p.m.

Recording and performing for the past eight years, Melnyk released his fourth album, the acoustic 'Road Out of Here.' Melnyk's talents also include harmonica and piano in many of his other songs, which will be scattered throughout the evening at Topsy Teapot.

Tonight's show will be Melnyk's first in Greenville since moving to Greenville from

Wilmington over the summer. Melnyk has been an active musician up and down the East Coast throughout his college career, which was completed earlier this spring when he graduated with a master's in secondary science education. He currently works as a science teacher at Greene Early College.

Melnyk's musicianship began full time back when he was in high school, where he recorded and released his first album, and has continued full speed alongside his education at UNC Wilmington ever since then.

"The general theme of my music is reflections from college and life; the stories from life and friends, I put into songs," said Melnyk. He describes his music as

being "kind of in the vein of Jack Johnson or Dave Matthews." Additionally, Melnyk is influenced by the Pat McGee Band, John Mayer, Train and the Goo Goo Dolls.

His repertoire includes approximately 40 songs and 10 years of playing; he likes to mostly use the guitar, harmonica and piano. Among his previous albums are the acoustic "One Good Morning" and "Reaching Out." Melnyk also participated in a tour over the summer entitled "There and Back Again" with fellow musical artist Patrick Turner.

Of the many locations he has played, Melnyk usually goes up and down the East Coast, as far north as New York City, and as far south as Columbia, S.C. He has also played a few shows in Colorado and California.

Information about Melnyk's particular style of inspirational pop rock can be found on both his MySpace page and Facebook page. After playing Greenville, he has two successive shows running into October at the Fall Youth Event at the Diocese of North Carolina in Brown Summit, N.C., and also at the Recoup Lounge in New York City.

Melnyk says it is more than just the music that he gets to share -- he also enjoys the mobile aspect of his co-career. "I really enjoy songwriting and performing, the connections I get to make with people ... and when I travel I get to see all of my friends who are scattered around the East Coast."

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places one would not even think to look. Goodwill and the Salvation Army have cheap, seldom-worn clothing that just takes some digging to find.

Shopping in thrift stores and consignment shops is not just useful for students to save money for themselves, but also for their families.

"I don't always have a lot of money while I'm in school," explains sophomore communication major Peter Campbell. "So when I need to get a gift for my mom or grandma, I usually go into thrift shops. I have to get some help from the salespeople," he continues, "but I usually find good deals on things that they really like, and it doesn't cost me a lot."

The reward from consignment shops not only comes from finding great deals in

their low-priced clothing, but also from students selling their seldom-worn clothing. "I sell clothes to consignment shops all the time," said Davis. "It is a great way to get money, especially for a broke college student. I sold a bunch of my old homecoming dresses and formal attire this summer, and I love receiving random checks in the mail." Most consignment shops mail previous owners the check for their items after the item is sold.

Shopping in thrift stores can be turned into a fun-filled day, even though the cost is low. Bargain hunting could possibly take the entire day, but who knows what treasures can be found?

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ALMAS program reaches out to the Spanish-speaking community

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After a successful turnout last year, ALMAS, a program that provides Latin American women in the Greenville community the opportunity to learn or improve on their English-speaking skills, is beginning a new semester of classes this month.

This year, the ALMAS program, which was started by Sarah Mian and Reema Padia last September, is collaborating with ECU's Spanish Club. Mian and Padia are thankful for having the Spanish Club as an outlet for their program this year. Members of the Spanish Club will assist the ALMAS program by posting advertisements throughout ECU's campus, helping recruit volunteers and hosting fundraising activities.

Gaining the help of an ECU organization is not the only progression the ALMAS program has made since its start last year. Mian and Padia have also recognized that they are building a trusting relationship with the Latin American women in the area. "We've made our presence in their community," Padia said. "It's more comfortable now, and it's nice to have that presence and have that trust."

With the support of the local Spanish-speaking community as well as the help of ECU students who volunteer their time to tutor these women, Mian and Padia are continuing the ALMAS program with several goals in mind. As the founders of the ALMAS program, they hope to provide the Spanish-



An ECU student tutors a Latina woman at Tuesday night's ALMAS meeting.

speaking women in the Greenville area with the resources they need to educate themselves. Also, the program provides an outlet for the Latin-American women to meet and develop relationships with other women in their community as well as with their tutors.

The tutors, who are female ECU students with intermediate to advanced Spanish-speaking skills, are matched with one or two of the women according to the fluency level of both the tutor and the woman being tutored. The tutors and their assigned students plan to meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Bernstein Clinic. Each volunteer has the opportunity to create her own lesson plan depending on the needs and interests of her student. Health and/or informational sessions will also be held once a month for the women, which will allow them opportunities to ask health-related or other questions,

such as how to properly fill out a medical form.

With the help of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, an organization that provides funds to groups who are helping underserved communities, the ALMAS program can now conveniently provide resources such as computers, dictionaries, worksheets and even free childcare to the women. "We realized a lot of these women have barriers of why they haven't been able to learn," Mian said. "The Latino women are a very hardworking and appreciative group of people, but they don't have the resources."

Providing free childcare during the tutoring sessions not only benefits the mothers, since it allows them to be free of distractions while learning, but it also benefits the children. Since many of these children are the translators for their families, spending time together during last year's ALMAS sessions allowed them to gain friends with

whom they share commonalities, and Mian and Padia hopes this trend continues this year.

Mian and Padia hope to continue expanding the ALMAS program in the upcoming years, and with the help of the Spanish Club and by appointing leadership roles to the tutors for the first time, they feel confident about the future of the program. "We hope to make the classes sustainable," Mian said, "and we would like to eventually be established as an ECU organization."

To help continue the success of the ALMAS program, Mian and Padia are looking for additional volunteers. They believe that students who volunteer with ALMAS will benefit greatly from learning about a group of people with a different background and culture. "The tutors become more aware of (the women's) situations, and it opens their eyes and ours to their culture," Mian said. Padia agreed, adding, "No matter what profession you go into, the program gives you the opportunity to branch out of the boundaries of the university and make an influence on someone else's life."

The ALMAS program needs female tutors with intermediate to advanced Spanish-speaking skills who can commit to the sessions. They are also looking for any students interested in volunteering with the childcare program. If students are interested in volunteering or want more information, they should send an e-mail to brodyproject@gmail.com.

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ECU student works through The Escape Foundation to help high school students



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ECU junior and founder of The Escape Foundation, Ariel Lopez.

Ariel Lopez hopes to get The Escape Foundation up and running

Lynsey Horn
STAFF WRITER

She loves reality television, is addicted to her phone and is a huge Kanye West fan, but don't be fooled. She was also the ECU freshman class president, often travels to conferences to give speeches and is starting her own foundation.

Ariel Lopez is a junior communication major who is "all about giving back." Lopez attended J.H. Rose High School in Greenville, is the daughter of a single mother and hoped to open a local teen center while she was still in high school. Since Lopez was only 17 years old and had no money at the time, she has since decided to restructure that idea and is now in the process

of getting The Escape Foundation off the ground.

The Escape Foundation is a non-profit organization that aims to provide opportunities for local middle and high school age students. It has a board made up of ECU faculty members and community members. Lopez and the board are working with local public schools and hope to get ECU students involved as mentors.

There are six focus points that are the goals and basis for the foundation. Engagement is the first point, and the idea is to get students involved in their community.

"Not everyone is college bound, and the school system is structured for only those talented in school subjects," said Lopez.

Engagement is meant to help keep students involved who may have been forgotten by teachers, school officials and the system.

The next point is Empowerment, and it is about mindset and self-esteem. This point is about encouraging students to believe in themselves and be confident when facing challenges such as setting goals, making plans and attending job interviews. Empowerment is directly connected with the next point, which is Etiquette. This helps students prepare to face the real world with proper manners and dress. Lopez hopes to provide culinary skills, public speaking skills and appropriate appearance skills.

Effort is the next point and is meant to get rid of the "teachers don't like me' complex," as Lopez describes it. This point stresses the importance of giving your all

and appropriately dealing with authority figures. This point leads to the next point: Excellence. "You are always able to become who you want to be," Lopez said is an idea she hopes to stress. She hopes to demonstrate this idea by taking students on college tours and getting the students involved in SAT and ACT prep.

The last and most important point, according to Lopez, is Environment. It is the idea that people come from all types of environments and home situations, and that creating a better support system can help students in the long run. Lopez wants to get the students' teachers and parents involved with the program. Student volunteers will be specifically assigned to one student and encouraged to get involved with the family.

Lopez wants to make a difference in the students' lives by staying involved with students throughout their high school graduation. She hopes to one day expand The Escape Foundation to other counties, across the state and maybe one day across the country.

For those interested in volunteering with the program, the main requirement is the want to give back. Lopez is looking for people who are passionate about improving the community and maybe want a resume boost or volunteer hours.

If you are interested in becoming involved with The Escape Foundation, contact Ariel Lopez at lopeza08@students.ecu.edu.

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OPINION



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Touching All Bases: 2010 AL Playoff Predictions

While the National League playoff race is expected to come down to the very last weekend, the race for October in the American League is just about settled.

The largest divisional lead belongs to the Minnesota Twins. Led by Joe Mauer's .331 batting average and a revitalized Jim Thome with 24 home runs, the Twins can clinch the Central Division this week. However, Minnesota hasn't dominated all year. The Chicago White Sox were just 3.5 games back on Sept. 6 before losing 11 of their next 13 games.

Central: Minnesota Twins

The surprise team of the American League is easily the Texas Rangers. The Mariners started the season with arguably the best one-two punch with Felix Hernandez and Cliff Lee, but now Lee is a Ranger, and the Mariners are the worst team in the league. Many predicted the L.A. Angels, who led the division by 7.5 games at this point last year, would again be in first. But they are two games below .500. Few had the Rangers as the runaway winner, but Josh Hamilton is an MVP candidate, Vlad Guerrero has found his bat and young C.J. Wilson has pitched great. The mid-season trade for Cliff Lee sent a message to the league. The Rangers are for real.

West: Texas Rangers

The only division race worth watching is the Ameri-

can League East. The Yankees have stretched the lead to 1.5 games, but with three games left against the Tampa Bay Rays, there is still time for a switch. The catch is that whichever team finishes second is all but guaranteed the wild card spot. The AL East is also a race for the best record in baseball, and in result home field advantage, making it worth much more than just bragging rights. The Red Sox came in boasting the "best rotation in baseball" according to many, but they have just the 20th-best team ERA in baseball. The winner of the AL East can easily turn out to be the winner of the American League come November.

East: Yankees
Wild Card: Rays

The most intriguing race in the American League is not between two teams, but rather for the Cy Young and MVP. Felix Hernandez, or "King Felix," is one of the lesser known but most dominate pitchers in Major League Baseball. The problem is that he is in Seattle. Hernandez leads the AL in ERA (2.35), strikeouts (222), innings pitched (233.2) and quality starts (28), as well as posting five complete games and a 1.07 WHIP, both good enough for third in the league. With that said, C.C. Sabathia is the favorite for the Cy Young. Sabathia has a 3.05 ERA and only 183 strikeouts, but more importantly he has 20 wins to Hernandez's 12. Wins play a strong role in the voting process, and Sabathia will be another case of the best pitcher on the best team winning the award.

Cy Young: C.C. Sabathia
(New York Yankees)

Meanwhile, it is another two horse race for the American League MVP. This time, Miguel Cabrera is the stellar player on the not-so-stellar team. Cabrera's Detroit Tigers are 14 games back in the Central, but not one bit of blame can go toward Cabrera. The Tigers' slugger is in the top five in the league in average, home runs, slugging and runs, with the league lead-in on base percentage and RBI's. Meanwhile, Josh Hamilton is the star of the surprise team. Leading the league in batting average and slugging, Hamilton has propelled the Rangers to the playoffs for the first time since 1999. This time, however, the voters will get it right. Cabrera's numbers are just too good, and despite being on a poor team, the five-time all-star and once rookie phenom deserves his first MVP Award.

MVP: Miguel Cabrera
(Detroit Tigers)

Expect the Rangers to fall short of their first ever playoff series win against the Yankees, and the Twins to knock out the Rays. Then in the upset special, the Twins will beat the Yankees in the ALCS to reach the World Series for the first time since they beat the Braves in 1991.

American League Champions: Minnesota Twins over New York Yankees (4-2)

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Minnesota Twins closer Matt Capps, right, celebrates with catcher Jose Morales after finishing off a 6-4 win over the Cleveland Indians at Target Field in Minneapolis, Minn., on Tuesday night. The Twins are possible World Series contender.

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Soccer joins with Riley's Army

The ECU women's soccer team will hold its Second Annual Riley's Army Auction on Sunday, Oct. 3, following its Conference USA match against Tulsa at the North Campus Recreation Complex. The Pirates will join the fight against cancer by wearing and auctioning off pink jerseys to help raise money for the Riley's Army charity of Greenville.

Prior to the start of the game, the Pirates will host a breakfast catered by Panera, partake in a one-mile walk around the complex and have a field day for kids to play with other athletes, PeeDee and the cheerleaders, as well as other volunteers. The walk will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the field day and silent auction at 12p.m.

Riley's Army, founded in April 2007, supports 10-year-old Greenville resident Riley Philpot, her family and others in the area who have children battling cancer. The charity recruits and trains volunteers to sit with pediatric cancer patients and their siblings as well as provide meals and financial, logistical, spiritual and other types of support.

At age 6, Riley was diagnosed with a Wilms tumor on her right kidney. A Wilms tumor is the most common malignant tumor of the kidneys in children. After what appeared to be a successful operation and removal of the tumor, the cancer returned and several spots on her lungs were found.

She endured another round of procedures and treatments and appeared to be on her way to a full recovery and remission until the cancer returned again. Riley continues her battle with cancer today. She loves soccer and attends Pirate matches whenever she is able.

During Sunday's game, ECU's players, coaches and team trainer Jen Merrill will wear pink jerseys that will be up for auction. Fans can place their bids at a table set up next to the bleachers at the North Campus Recreation Complex. Bidding will start at \$20 per jersey and increase in increments of \$5. Bidding will end with five minutes remaining in the second half.

'Ride With The Voice' almost here

The seventh annual "Ride With The Voice" motorcycle excursion will roll on Sept. 25 with all proceeds benefiting the Heather Anne Purtee Memorial Scholarship at the ECU School of Nursing.

The reverse Texas Hold'em motorcycle poker run, hosted by "Voice of the Pirates" Jeff Charles will commence at 10 a.m. at Ron Ayers Motorsports in Greenville. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost of the ride is \$10 per hand and multiple hands are welcome. Stops include Frank's Pizza in Washington, East Carolina Trophies and Signs in Winterville, Hastings Ford and U.B.E./Pirate Radio in Greenville.

A complimentary breakfast from Krispy Kreme and lunch from Domino's Pizza and Logan's Roadhouse will be provided. J&E Harley Davidson, PIP Printing, Marketing Matters and East Carolina Trophies and Signs are also co-sponsoring the event.

The event will include a 50/25/25 raffle and vendor displays. All interested patrons should contact Ron Ayers Motorsports at 252-758-3084 for more information.

The Front Line of Defense is Offense



ECU's offensive line stacks up against Tulsa's defensive front in action earlier this season. The front five have humbly aided the Pirates to score an average of about 43 points per game.

Adam Bunn
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Picture the Pirates with a fourth and goal from the one-yard line. The play comes in from the sideline and the offense moves into position. Quarterback Dominique Davis lines up under center, he gets the snap hands off to Jon Williams, who dives into the end zone for the game-winning score. Now, many in Pirate Nation will hail Williams as a hero, but a play like that is only made possible by the offensive line.

Outside the college football world, outside the land of coaches meetings and practice, most people address the offensive line as a unit that you can blame for a loss but that gets no credit for a win.

But inside the coach's meetings and on the practice field, everyone knows that the credit goes to the offensive line.

"Credit always goes to the offensive line; they're the ones where the offense starts," ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill said.

The job of the offensive line may sound simple, but the actual task is very difficult to accomplish. The offensive line is not only charged with opening run lanes, it also has probably the most important job on the team.

The offensive line is the only line of defense for a quarterback. It is the fort that keeps the attacking enemy from sacking the commander.

One mistake by an offensive lineman can turn into a disaster. How many times have you heard of a quarterback getting sacked and being lost for the year? New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady was hit in the leg, resulting in not only a torn ACL, but in his team missing the playoffs.

When a quarterback is injured taking a sack, the blame falls on the offensive lineman who missed his block, but when a quarterback fires a 50-yard touchdown pass, it's not the lineman who gets the credit.

"The offensive linemen never get the credit," Coach McNeill said. "The offensive line is the key to our success

as an offense."

A typical offensive lineman is not a media-friendly guy, as they typically weigh close to 300 pounds and possess an odd personality that enjoys pounding into other 300-pound men and leaving the field with bruises, cuts and the coach's respect.

If you look at the stat line for offensive linemen, you will see words like pancake block, which basically means running over and pushing an opposing player to the ground. The most important stat for offensive linemen is how many hits their quarterback takes per game. So far this season, Pirate quarterback Dominique Davis has been sacked only five times through three games, but that number can always be improved on. A decent final number would be 10 sacks through 12 regular season games having an average of less than one sack per game.

More than anything else, the offensive line is a unit; a collection of players that rely on each other for the success or failure of the offense. The

offensive line is the only unit where, if one piece fails, then the entire unit crumbles. If one guard misses his block, then his teammate has to leave his block to pick up the defender, leaving a free man to come after the quarterback and resulting in either a sack or turnover. While that's the result of missed blocks when the offensive line works to perfection, it is one of the most beautiful things in all of football, giving the quarterback or running back the chance to pick the defense apart play after play after play. However, that's only possible if the unit works together.

"This part of the team can't play individually," McNeill said. "They're like the hand: all five fingers depend on each other."

That quote from Coach McNeill gives an insight into the importance of a united offensive line. The success of the offensive line this season has been evident in the running game. The Pirates have played three games this season and have rushed for over 100 yards in all three of those

contests. The line has opened up the running lanes, pushing defensive linemen back into the secondary and generating Jon Williams a five yard per carry average and 273 yards and four touchdowns, while also allowing Davis to complete 85 of 129 passes for 890 yards and nine touchdowns. It's no coincidence that the only game so far this year where Davis struggled was also the only game where the offensive line failed to protect him fully.

While fans may not realize it because their eyes are always looking downfield waiting for the next big play, the game is not won with big pass plays and long runs; it's won upfront where those runs are sprung and where those pass plays are allowed to take place.

"There's always room for improvement," Coach McNeill said. "But I'm happy with where we are right now. They are playing really well."

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OPINION



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Week three was very lackluster and not very pretty for the teams here in North and South Carolina. On second thought, it was not pretty at all. Three out of this week's top five teams lost Saturday, and the two victories came by a total of 30 points. That stat does not sound terrible until you factor in the 144 points that the losers in our Carolina top five allowed. UNC is absent from the rankings this week, so all of the Tar Heel critics can take a collective sigh of bliss. Read on to enjoy (or disagree with) this week's rankings.



1. No. 12 South Carolina (3-0): Although USC won their cupcake matchup versus the Furman Paladins, the game turned out to be closer than

RANKING the CAROLINAS

the experts thought. It is safe to say that the Gamecocks were on upset alert, yet they played a tentative game. Without an interception touchdown return from sophomore corner back Stephon Gilmore, South Carolina let Furman sniff at an upset and only led 31-19 early in the fourth quarter. Even though Marcus Lattimore carried the ball 18 times for 97 yards and one touchdown, the Gamecocks relied heavily upon their defense. USC will need a combined effort from both sides of the ball in order to take down undefeated conference foe Auburn. **Next game: Sept. 25 at Auburn**



2. North Carolina State (3-0): During the preseason, only hardcore Wolfpack fans foresaw their team being the best in the state. Three weeks into the season and N.C. State is undefeated for the first time since 2002. Although Russell Wilson will not amount to Philip River's success, he has led his team all season, including a 333-yard performance versus the Cincinnati Bearcats

Thursday night. The 'Pack overpowered Cincinnati 30-19 and proved to nonbelievers that they have true potential. This Saturday, N.C. State will get the chance to confirm to the ACC that they are the real deal. Facing last year's conference champs, N.C. State will hope to prevent Georgia Tech's domination of North Carolina schools. **Next game: Sept. 25 at Georgia Tech**



3. Clemson (2-1): Last Saturday night, Clemson got out to an early lead against Auburn, but the Tigers from Alabama proved that they could take a shot on the chin and bounced back to beat the Tigers from South Carolina in overtime. A missed tying field goal caused Clemson to lose 27-24. Andre Ellington was able to total 140 yards on the ground, but a third quarter collapse is also to blame for their defeat. Clemson was outscored 21-0 in the third frame and it was evident at that point that momentum had shifted. This weekend, the Clemson

Tigers get an opportunity to host Miami and rebound from a game that was theirs to lose. **Next game: Oct. 2 vs. Miami**



4. East Carolina (2-1): "If football games only ended at halftime..." ECU players and fans alike possess this sentiment. Virginia Tech played as perfect of a second half as they could, while scoring 28 unanswered points, this past Saturday in Blacksburg. Two interceptions by Dominique Davis to the same player hurt the Pirates' hopes to force Va. Tech to a 0-3 start. The biggest key for ECU to continue its quest for a Conference USA "three-peat" is the unappealing defense. The Pirates have 115th-ranked scoring defense out of 119 Div-1A schools. With a week off, ECU has time to improve its defense before travelling to Chapel Hill to face UNC. **Next game: Oct. 2 at North Carolina**



5. Wake Forest (2-1): Over the last three games, Wake Forest has given up a combined 116 points. Stanford accounts for 68 of those points. The Cardinal drubbed Wake Forest 68-24 this past Saturday night. In a game that carried over into Sunday morning for viewers on the East Coast, Stanford QB Andrew Luck totaled five TDs and made sure his team never got off of the gas. Coincidentally, Wake has the 116th scoring defense in the country, one place behind ECU. Although their offense has the 105th passing offense, they also boast the seventh-ranked rushing attack in the nation. Without any more brush-up games versus bottom-dwelling teams, the Demon Deacons must drastically improve if they hope to stay atop the Atlantic division in the ACC. **Next game: Sept. 25 at Florida State**

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