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## Student runs for House

**Puja Patel**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Uriah Ward, senior political science major, has recently announced his intent to run for North Carolina House of Representatives, District 9.

Ward, a Pitt County native, is running on a platform of education and gun reform.

The North Carolina House of Representatives is the lower house of the legislative body of the N.C. General Assembly, the state legislator. The House of Representatives elects one legislator per district, and Pitt County runs over Districts 8, 9 and 24.

Ward's political background started young at the age of 6 when he worked polls for Democratic candidates in Chatham County. He joined the Obama campaign at the age of 16 and then shortly after founded a local chapter of "the Grange."

Ward also re-established the ECU College Democrats and Pitt County chapter of Young Democrats and served as president for both those organizations. Through both those organizations, he has gained much political experience.

"I've really come to see how people can make a difference for their community and in their community," said Ward.

Since he has just announced his candidacy, he only has about 30 campaign members, not including his campaign manager, Alicia Speedy. Speedy is an ECU alumna and an eastern N.C. native. She is a fellow Pitt County Young Democrat and is a friend of Ward's.

"If we can get him in the House, we can see major changes for the state of North Carolina," said Speedy.

The Pitt County for Ward campaign released a campaign video last Tuesday and is prepared to utilize every means to get their message out, according to Speedy and Ward. They will be at the Greenville Christmas Parade and will attend other events to get their mes-



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**Uriah Ward, an ECU student and prospect for the N.C. House of Rep. shakes hands with Alice Arnold.**

sage and name out. The Pitt County for Ward campaign is also offering internship programs for students as a way to get involved in politics.

"I want to bring back an emphasis on public education," said Ward. "That's something that we've lost and it's something that we need if

we're going to have a strong state."

Ward will face current District 9 representative Brian Brown (R) in the May 2014 primaries.

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### CRIME

## Pee Dee down and out

**Emily Gardiner**  
TEC STAFF

The statue of Pee Dee the Pirate located on the ECU Mall was knocked over around 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 24.

An eyewitness reported that a group of eight to 10 college-aged adults knocked Pee Dee over that night.

Upon seeing the event happen, the witness yelled at the group, which caused the group to disperse and leave in two unidentified vehicles.

Currently no suspects have been caught and no significant damage has been reported.

The statue is bolted down into a 400-pound concrete pad firmly placed into the ground. According to President and CEO of the ECU Alumni Association, if people wiggled the statue enough, it would be loosened from the bolts and could easily be knocked over.

According to Lt. Christ Sutton of the ECU Police the case will remain open until no suspects are found and there are no more leads in the case.

"If it was an ECU student, I just feel like they don't have any

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## Activist speaks out against trafficking

**Emily Schultz**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Nationally recognized anti-human trafficking activist, Yvonne Williams, discussed human trafficking issues at ECU on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Williams, co-founder and president of Trafficking in America Task Force, spoke about why the demand for human trafficking is so high and how children and young adults get recruited into prostitution and eventually become trafficked.

When Williams asked the audience who heard about human trafficking before the event, only a few people raise their hands. The people who heard about it previously learned about it from the movies "Taken" or "The Whistleblower," but no one knew how large the problem is in America.

There are a variety of reasons why ECU students should learn and care about human trafficking. According to Williams, a person's



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**Pam Strickland attended the event as founder of the organization.**

age is a huge factor, and college students are in the prime age range to be trafficked. Also, the gang population in North Carolina and the mass amount of interstates nearby put students at risk for trafficking.

"With 25,000 students here,

(human trafficking) is probably happening and you don't realize it," said Williams. "So you need to be educated about it so you can look for it on your campus and among your peers."

Knowing about the problem is the best thing anyone can do to end human trafficking, said Williams.

"Be educated in every aspect of it and monitor yourselves. There's some behavioral changes that need to be made regarding youth and sexting, regarding pornography, and all of those issues," she said. "Once you learn about it, reevaluate yourself and say, 'What can I do to change things that might be going on that I wasn't aware of that could be dangerous down the road?'"

Visiting college students has made a great impact on the students Williams has spoken to so far, and it has helped her as well.

"It's been amazing because I've gotten to understand the youth generation and colleges and what's going on in colleges today," she said.

"I've done a lot of research about that and it's helped me understand what we can do now to reach the youth to make some changes."

Williams speaks all over the country about the issues of human trafficking in America. In the past few weeks, she has spoken at Elon University, The Washington Times, West Palm Beach coalition Against Human Trafficking and Vanderbilt University.

Students at the ECU Honors College partnered with Eastern North Carolina Stop Human Trafficking Now to host this event as one of their service projects, according to Blaire Langdon, Honors College student and freshman nursing major.

According to students, Williams' visit to ECU not only benefited several students who attended the event, but it enlightened those who put on the event.

Aenia Amin, Honors College student and freshman neuroscience and psychology major said,

she realized how massive a problem human trafficking is.

"We realized what a huge problem in North Carolina that human trafficking is and we learned so much throughout the journey," she said.

Many people are unaware of the issues of human trafficking, especially in America, according to Williams. The Polaris Project ranks North Carolina as one of the top ten states where suspicious incidents of human trafficking have been reported.

In addition to Williams, Pam Strickland of ENC Stop Human Trafficking, Chris Smith of Restore One and Heather French of Pearl Ministries all spoke at the event to bring attention to human trafficking. All of these organizations work toward ending the modern day slavery that is human trafficking.

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### BRIEFS

#### Sixteen people graduate from GPD Citizen's Police Academy

Sixteen people graduated from the 2013 Greenville Police Department Citizen's Police Academy on Nov. 11.

The ten-week program is an opportunity for the public to learn how the GPD works and of police operations. Participants can also interact with other police officers.

#### ECU religions professors to present research papers this weekend

ECU religions professors are presenting papers in Baltimore, MD this weekend as part of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature.

Dr. Lee Johnson will present a paper on "Facing the Specter of Supersessionism: Teaching New Testament Introduction as a Humanities Elective."

#### N.C. flags flown at half-staff in honor of JFK

Governor Pat McCrory ordered state-facility flags to be flown at half-staff on Nov. 22 in remembrance of John F. Kennedy's assassination 50 years ago. Citizens were also asked to comply.

McCrory was one of many governors to follow President Barack Obama's request to lower the flags in JFK's honor.

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# Pirate Nurse Network connects alumni

Edward Boseman  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Pirate Nurse Network is a new alumni association at Vidant Medical Center and is a partnership between Vidant Medical Center and ECU to promote professional and social opportunities.

The program was established this past September and over 140 alumni are participating.

Vidant Medical Center is the teaching hospital for ECU, so the new network provides ample opportunity for alumni and current students to connect and learn. Also, the network allows ECU nursing alumni to remain connected to the university in some way.

Recently a tour of facilities was given and allowed alumni to see the growing medical campus since their graduation. The college of nursing moved to Health Sciences campus in 2006, previously it was located in the Rivers building on main campus.

Sylvia Brown, dean of the college of nursing, said that alumni nurses or Pirate nurses at Vidant are a major part in the teaching and clinicals of current students.

“Pirate nurses are role models to our students and they are always willing to help,” said Brown.” You have someone who has been through what our students are going through.”

The college of nursing has 135 faculty and 35 staff members.

“The support and experience they provide is helpful to both the students and faculty, allowing teachers more one on one time,” said Brown.

Pirate Nurses in the alumni network can wear a badge reel signifying them as a Pirate Nurse.

“It really is popular, and people have definitely showed



Sylvia Brown, dean of nursing, speaks on the alumni network.

an interest,” said Brown.

There is interest in starting and expanding the alumni network beyond Vidant Medical Center to other parts of North Carolina. Hospitals in Rocky Mount and Goldsboro are among some of the medical facilities with active alumni who might be interested.

The network is member driven and Catherine Bunch, a Pirate Nurse, said that it is looking at what members want from the network. Current plans include looking at once a month meeting for professional or social events.

“There is a lot of potential and limitless possibilities,” said Bunch. “We are looking at establishing a scholarship in the future among other goals and projects.

The Pirate Nurse Network’s future plans include having guest speakers and educational opportunities.

“A lot of our past students go on to get graduate degrees and this is an excellent opportunity to have the support and resources to continue your education,” said Brown.

About 1200 students are enrolled with the college of nursing. About half of them are pursuing graduate studies.

“About 85 percent of our alumni stay in North Carolina. The alumni network also serves to stay connected with our past students,” said Brown.

According to the college of nursing, there are over 7500 alumni worldwide.

Matt Steindl, a junior nursing major, said he welcomes the idea of staying connected with ECU and hopes to come back one day after he graduates.

“(ECU) is a huge part of who I am now and what I have become. I would like to comeback for homecoming and watch a game sometime. I like the people and atmosphere here. I feel like I fit in.”

An upcoming event for the alumni includes a pre-game social event for the Dec. 19 game with Virginia Military Institute.

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pride in their school,” said Molly Newbern, sophomore history education major.

Lt. Sutton said the ECU public would find any damage to important university landmarks disrespectful.

“With any property we have on campus, it’s disrespectful for it to be damaged and particularly a likeness to the university mascot or to any of the university landmarks would be viewed by the student body or the public as even greater disrespect,” said Lt. Sutton.

The Pee Dee on the Mall is one of 16 statues that were created and auctioned off at an ECU Alumni Association fundraiser around 2008.

Roddy Seymore purchased the Pee Dee statue that is currently on the mall and donated it back to the Alumni Association.

Pee Dee is insured up to \$4,000 and any damage done on the statue will be covered up to that amount. Paul Clifford, president and CEO of the ECU Alumni Association, said that the Alumni association is

committed to fully repairing Pee Dee.

“The alumni association is committed to have Pee Dee repaired and returned back to the original space for future generations of Pirates to enjoy,” Clifford said.

Clifford said that generations of Pirates have been drawn to Pee Dee for years. Many pictures are taken around it, and the association had no idea the statue would become such an iconic symbol.

“It’s become so much more than what ever thought



The Pee Dee statue is no longer on the Mall after five years.

it could be,” said Clifford.

Clifford added that to have such an important symbol be

abused is disrespectful to the university.

“Something that was a

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CRIME

# Weekend brings in criminals

## Two men sentenced to 48 and 23 years in prison

**Tyler Stocks**  
TEC STAFF

Greenville Police and the Pitt County District Attorney's Office announced the successful trial and conviction of Linwood Earl Duffie, 55, and Drew Martin, 47, both of Greenville, at a Thursday afternoon press conference.

Duffie was convicted of three counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy. He is responsible for robbing Emerald City Business Service Sweepstakes and the Wilco-Hess on Greenville Boulevard, Family Dollar in Winterville. The robberies occurred between Apr. 22 and Apr. 30 of this year.

Duffie was arrested on May 21 after robbing a Dollar General in



Chocowinity. With the help of a timely witness who got his license plate number, Duffie was arrested.

After running the plate number, officers with the GPD Traffic Safety Unit traced the vehicle to Carriage House Apartments on Charles Boulevard, where they located Duffie's white Ford Explorer.

Upon noticing police in the

area, the suspect barricaded himself inside an apartment, which caused Charles Boulevard to be closed down for several hours. Members of the GPD Emergency Response Team were able to arrest Duffie without incident.

This career criminal has a lengthy record dating back to the 1970s. He has been arrested 25 times and faced charges for breaking and entering, drug possession, assault and armed robbery. To date, Duffie has spent 21 years in and out of prison.

Police say that he still faces one count of robbery with a dangerous weapon for the Dollar General Robbery in Chocowinity.

Duffie was sentenced to 37 to 48 years in prison for his charges.

In a separate unrelated case, Martin was convicted on 10 counts of trafficking heroin. The Pitt County Sheriff's Office began investigating him in July 2012. The Pitt-Regional Drug Task Force also assisted in the investigation and charging the suspect.

Like Duffie, Martin has an extensive criminal background. Information concerning the details of Martin's criminal history were not made available at the press conference.

Martin was sentenced 18 to 23 years in prison for his offense.

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## Captain D's gets robbed Friday

**Tyler Stocks**  
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Greenville Police responded to an armed robbery on Friday, Nov. 22, at 3:58 p.m.

When officers arrived, employees told police the suspect entered the business, purchased a drink and lingered for five to ten minutes. Moments later, he displayed a handgun and demanded money. The employees refused to cooperate and the suspect left the scene in a 90s model gray Ford Taurus.

The staff was able to get the suspect's license plate number and provide that information to police. Within 45 minutes of the robbery, officers from the GPD Street Crimes Unit located the suspected vehicle near the intersection of Kennedy and Skinner Streets.

Joseph Junior Taft, 59, of 700 S. Skinner St. was detained and identified as the robbery suspect. He was arrested and charged with one count of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. Taft was booked at the Pitt County Detention Center under a \$75,000 bond.

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## Police search for suspect in storage unit robbery

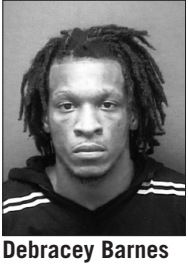
**Tyler Stocks**  
TEC STAFF

A Greenville teen was arrested for stealing merchandise early Monday morning and a second suspect remains at large.

Patrol officers with the GPD Field Operations Bureau spotted Haseen Branch, 16, of Greenville with two bicycles on Clifton Street at 2:45 Monday morning. Officers asked Branch why he was out with the bikes in such frigid weather and while doing so, recovered a black book bag 25 feet away that had bolt cutters, eight ski caps and a sweater with sales tags still on.

Moments later, police spotted Debracey Barnes, 21, of Greenville coming out of the Kangaroo gas station near the intersection of Evans Street and Arlington Boulevard. Alerted to the officers, Barnes ran across Arlington Boulevard toward Commerce Street.

Officers called for backup and used a police dog who led officers to a storage unit behind Gordon's Golf & Ski at 207 E. Arlington



Bldv. The storage unit had been burglarized and the merchandise in the book bag had been taken from the business.

Police arrested Branch, and charged him with one count of felony breaking and entering, larceny after breaking & entering, felony possession of burglary tools, and felony conspiracy. He was jailed at the Pitt County Detention Center under a \$50,000 secured bond.

Officers were not able to locate Barnes who turns out to be a repeat offender and is well known to law enforcement. Anyone with information his whereabouts are encouraged to contact Pitt-Greenville Crime Stoppers at 252-758-7777.

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PIRATE RANTS

Sorry Wolfpack, this is our state. Go Pirates!

I really want to know what percentage of chicks don't wear underwear with yoga pants...awesome.

To the girl with the initials SMB: Stay away from my man.

Sorry babygirl, but you're basic he doesn't really want you.

Really? Trying to get your professor alone in her office? Because that's not creepy at all.

To the guy in my econ class: It would be nice if you actually spoke to me instead of just staring and playing look away.

I just want two things: to eat delicious food and have a hot body.... I'll keep dreaming.

I have a relationship with Taco Bell ... it's serious.

To the people at the library who are just taking up space: Go get a life stop taking up space watching YouTube videos and vines.

I now know who tipped the ECU cow! Come on, man!

Dear person, black women are not your "chocolate hunnies." We already get enough of demoralizing sexualization and fetishism that bring us down.

I have the biggest crush on the editor in chief :)

Juicy Campus? Let's get real here and talk about College ACB!

Can people please stop complaining about how hard their major is! You chose that major and knew what it entailed, so stop whining and get to studying!

Really? You're reporting on the "affects" of eating disorders?

How exactly is wearing sweat pants lazy? I always wear sweat pants to the gym, is that lazy? If I wanted to be lazy with my clothes, I just wouldn't wear any. Get your head out of you're a\*\*.

If you spent as much time bettering yourself as you do complaining about being single, you probably wouldn't be single.

Fifty shades of done with this semester.

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.

TEC wouldn't waste so much paper if they would come out with a separate Pirate Rant section!

If we are getting Hardees coupons in TEC, shouldn't there be a Hardees on campus?

If you're waiting on Prince Charming, you'd better be Cinderella.

A chick I've been in love with wore an NCST shirt last week. I am now over that treacherous skank.

Don't give me the stink-eye because I took most of the washers. I ain't trying to spend all night washing clothes. I got stuff to do.

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

Our view

# Staking our claim for best in-state

This past weekend the ECU football team claimed in-state bragging rights with a 42-28 victory over NC State.

The Pirates have successfully won both football games against NC State and UNC-Chapel Hill and is preparing for its last regular-season game with a 9-2 record. Head Coach Ruffin McNeill and all the other coaches have put our team in a position to contend for the C-USA title and a second straight bowl berth.

The players have properly executed plays, stayed firm on defense and claimed victories over supposedly-superior teams.

We as an editorial staff believe that the team is progressing admirably in its final season before moving to the American Athletic Conference in 2014.

ECU has made a name for itself this season and we here at TEC would like to wish a fantastic end to the regular season to all involved with the football program as it heads to Marshall to hopefully claim victory once again.

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# Definition of personal success

## The Blueprint



Jared Roach  
TEC COLUMNIST

Everybody wants to be successful, but every person has a different definition of success. Some people believe success is being acknowledged, accomplished and wealthy. While others believe it is being loved, happy and satisfied. I believe that it is a combination of the two. Having meaningful and lasting relationships are definitely more important than money and accolades.

Having wealth and acknowledgement alone are not the real indicator of success, though it may be the easiest to identify. Having

the best job, newest car and finest clothes will give the appearance of success, when in reality it may create the false perception of a picture-perfect life. People like Amanda Bynes, Lindsay Lohan and Chris Brown have fame and fortune but they seem genuinely unhappy with it all.

They have more money than some people will ever see but have personal issues that the average person couldn't imagine. Their thoughts probably echo the chorus of Lecrae's song Confes\$ions, "There's nothing I can't I have, you say it looks so amazing. Well, I would trade it all away for my sanity." Even though some could argue that certain issues are self-inflicted, many of us may face similar problems if we were in their situation.

When we think of success, most of the time we mention things that are related to our professional and

financial goals, but private success is even more important. There are people who live average lives with average finances who feel they are successful because of the relationships with their friends and family. Though we all have different values when it comes to family, it's hard to make an argument against that idea. All the stress can could be worth it, if you have a loving family and great friends to go home to after a long day at work.

The famous line from the classic movie Mahogany says it best, "Success is nothing without someone you love to share it with." People with strong family ties and average finances are arguably more successful than their rich counterparts. You can't have true success without having your strong personal relationships.

This is not to discount the importance of achievements. Accomplishing goals feels great

and is an exhilarating sensation that some people live for. But the zeal for achievements should not be greater than love for family. Although, there are times when chasing your goals will put a strain on important relationships, the relationships that survive the pressure become stronger.

Success comes down to sacrifice, how much time with your family and friends are you willing to sacrifice for achievements, and vice versa. As in most things, the key is balance, which varies with each individual. No lifestyle is perfect. Each lifestyle has challenges and benefits. Since outside indicators of success are often deceitful, only you will know if you are truly successful.

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# The importance of sportsmanship

## Take a step back



ReAnn Melaga  
TEC COLUMNIST

I am not a sports writer, nor am I a "TECspert," but I know a good football game and good sportsmanship when I see it.

The last couple of weeks have been quite exciting for North Carolina sports team fans. The Panthers continued their winning streak by defeating the Patriots, which easily could be one of the biggest upsets of the NFL season. The ECU Pirates surprised everyone in their incredibly close basketball game against Duke and the icing on the cake was the Pirates win against one of our biggest football rivals, N.C. State on Saturday.

One common and very noticeable factor during each of these games was the incredible sportsmanship demonstrated by coaches and players. In such a high-pressure situation it is very easy to get caught up in everything going on but many college and professional athletes alike continue to demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field.

Both the ECU football and basketball teams won and lost with the

most class possible. The Duke and N.C. State games were highly anticipated by fans and players across the state but this did not faze the Pirates.

Throughout each game, respect was shown in all cases. No unnecessary penalties occurred, good plays were called, and no matter how much of a lead the Pirates had — there was no sign of trash talking or taunting by coaches or team members.

I think it is important for our athletes to show good sportsmanship because it is a direct reflection of ECU and the athletic program. Displaying good character, eliminating bad-mouthing and any sort of altercations between players, shows the type of standards we hold for our students and athletes.

It is also vital for coaches and players to demonstrate respectable behavior so the thousands of fans watching can see what type of conduct is acceptable, both on and off the field.

Athletes have always been known to be role models for many young people and even some adults. Their behavior helps to shape the attitudes and minds of those eager to watch them play their sport. This is why it is so imperative they conduct themselves in a professional manner because their actions affect more than just themselves.



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Pirates show sportsmanship last Tuesday in the loss to Duke in Durham.

Each week, enthusiastic sports fans gather around their televisions or come together in the stands to support their favorite team. Men and women of all ages dedicate their time to seeing their role models, peers and often times their sons and daughters take the field or court to show all of their hard work.

Win or lose, it is all about how the situation is handled. Good sportsmanship may not always determine the outcome of a game, but it can strongly influence the lives of those watching.

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# Condom Couture

## Modeling troupes bring attention to World AIDS Day

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Students show there is more than one way to wear a condom at ECU's upcoming Condom Fashion Show. ECU will host its first Condom Fashion Show on Dec. 2nd to raise awareness about safe sex practices and AIDS for World AIDS Day. The fashion show will be held in room 244 of the Mendenhall Student Center at 5:30 p.m. as the finale of a three-part passport event for World AIDS Day, which is Dec. 1st.

"We thought a fashion show was a fun and unique way to represent HIV/AIDS and the battle that we are facing," said Shane Stephens, the assistant director for Campus Recreation and Wellness.

Stephens, who helped coordinate the event, was first exposed to the idea of a Condom Fashion Show as an undergrad at Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville. She hopes the show will turn into a big event and would like to see it become an annual event as interest grows and people become more aware of the growing AIDS epidemic.

"I thought it would be kind of cool to bring it here since it's never been done before" said Stephens. "It's a fun and interesting way to grab students' attention."

Students will show off elaborate handmade garments

made of condoms or dressing up their fashionable outfits with condom accessories created by several student organizations on campus. The condoms have been provided to the students through Campus Wellness and Student Health.

The submissions include costumes made by the Healthy Pirates, Student Health, Campus Recreation and Wellness, and the LGBT Resource Office as well as a few individuals from the Wellness Living Learning Community.

Lindsey Smith, a sophomore double majoring in health service management and business marketing, likes the idea of wearing condoms and thinks it is a great way to get information out. She said people may walk in expecting just a fun show, but will walk away with a least one bit of information they didn't know before.

"It's a lot more work than I expected," said Smith. "I've had to lay the condoms out overnight so they can dry it because they have lube in them. It's hard to sew when your fingers are all lubed up."

After putting in about 35 hours of work, she will present a hand-sewn floor length gown for the show made of 200 to 300 condoms. She plans to use more to create accessories such as rings, earrings, and bracelets.

Kamaria Eddy, a senior majoring in fashion merchandising, is an advocate for the LGBT community and has created a bohemian inspired costume with a condom top

and a flowing skirt to enter into the show.

Eddy said she thinks the fashion show is a fun and different idea to generate more awareness on AIDS as well as the LGBT community and believes that an over-the-top event like wearing condoms will resonate in the minds of those who see it.

"I want the younger freshman to come out because they just entered college and may need more education on sexual health," said Eddy. "Even as a senior, we forget the dangers that surround us when it comes to sex. There can never be enough education on safe sex."

At the show, two speakers from Greenville will share the impact being HIV positive has made on their lives and several educational videos will be shown. At the end of the fashion show, ECU's modeling troupe DCMA will put on a combined performance of dancing and modeling.

Campus Wellness will also have several educational tables and free giveaways including t-shirts and buttons in the MSC lobby from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free HIV/AIDS testing will also be provided in the basement of MSC during this time.

The events are free admission to all, and will be passport events for COAD 1000 students.

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# Holiday Fashion Trends 2013:

## Joy and celebrations translates to flashy holiday attire



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The holidays are a time of celebration, catching up with old friends and family, and most importantly, feasting. This time of the year is also one

of the busiest times.

Schedules are packed with tasks such as finishing studies, work requirements and gift shopping. Managing all of the hectic daily to-do's can take away from the aura of the season and easily cause you to forget to take a moment to enjoy the holiday spirit.

One simple way to remind yourself of the joy that the holidays bring is by dressing for the season. That does not mean by wearing your grandma's favorite reindeer sweater that jingles when you walk. There are many different colors and styles during this time of the year that reflect the holiday season, so why not do your Christmas shopping and cookie baking in style?

As the first holiday of the season, Thanksgiving colors are more traditionally deeper tones such as dark emerald greens, plums, navy blues, burnt oranges and burgundy. However, not all of these colors have to be paired together.

To make a bold statement, choose one color, such as a burgundy dress, and pair it with neu-

trals, like black stockings and black booties. This way, your dress is the focal point of your outfit and you can still dress warmly and comfortably by adding the stockings.

It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that Christmas colors are traditionally green and red. This established color clashing combination is perfect for decorating a Christmas tree, but when paired together as an outfit can come across looking like Halloween costume.

For those who would like to stick with the tradition of red and green, but want a chicer more polished look, look for bright reds and emerald greens. To make your outfit sparkle, add on silver or gold jewelry, but do not mix the two unless you want to look like an ornament.

One look that is popular this season are jumpsuits. Although they are more frequently worn during the warmer months, pairing a jumpsuit with a blazer and some strappy heels will make you the most stylish relative at Christmas dinner.

A second popular trend during this time of the year are sweater dresses. Try adding a belt for emphasis to what is ordinarily a plain look. To complete the outfit, add stockings or legwarmers and oxford heels.

New Year's is one of the only times of the year where it is perfectly acceptable to wear



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Sequined dresses with glitter accents are a New Year's Eve party classic in holiday attire.

a dress made entirely of sequins. Celebrate the New Year with glitter and sparkle, but be careful to not go overboard. Try an all-black ensemble and work in sparkly jewelry, shoes or a handbag.

A second look to try is sequined shorts and a simple camisole. With glittery sparkly cloth-

ing, less is more, so when buying a sparkly piece make it the focal point of your outfit.

The holidays can be the happiest time of the year. Celebrate them by making this your most fashionable holiday season yet.

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# Radio personalities joins local comedian

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Nephew Tommy and Friends Comedy Show will be coming to the Greenville Convention Center to perform on Saturday at 7 p.m. The show will feature Nephew Tommy, Damon Williams, Hope Flood and Matt White.

Thomas Miles, also known as "Nephew Tommy," is the co-host of the Steve Harvey Morning Show, which has more than seven million viewers a day. His prank calls are more famously known and have even been compiled to create a top-selling CD.

With his B.A. in Theater Arts from Texas A&M University, Miles has served as the opening act on the Luther Vandross tour for three years and hosted the Essence Music Festival in 2010.

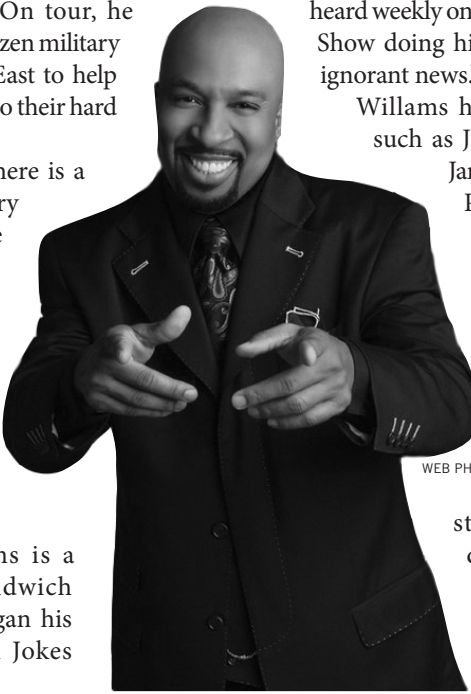
Miles continues to tour nationally and almost always has a sold-out show. He has starred in more than a dozen plays, and worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Miles also starred in the independent films "N-Secure" and "The Heart Specialist." He also made a cameo appearance in the film

"Think Like a Man."

Miles uses his comic talent to raise moral in our troops by being a part of the 2011 Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff USO Holiday tour. On tour, he performed at over a dozen military bases in the Middle East to help bring a bit of laughter to their hard work days.

"We know that there is a lot of stress in the every day lives of people and we are there to help alleviate some of that stress with our stand-up comedy act," said Damon Williams, comedian that will be performing at the event.

Damon Williams is a former Subway sandwich shop owner who began his comic career at All Jokes Aside Comedy Club.



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Williams has performed on BET Live, Comedy Central's Premium Blend, The Joyner Skyshow on TV ONE, and HOB's P Diddy's Bad Boys of Comedy. He can be heard weekly on the Tom Joyner Morning Show doing his skits called, "seriously ignorant news."

Williams has worked with artists such as Jamie Foxx, Chris Rock, James Brown and met with President Barack Obama.

"I have performed at the Greenville Convention Center before in 2012 and a few years before that, so we're excited to perform our jokes," said Williams. "All of us have different styles of jokes. Tommy does character changes during his performances so he will be changing clothes and doing a variety of jokes."

Hope Flood will be the only female comedian performing at the event and her material is known as being universal because she talks about everyday life experiences such as relationships, lust, love and motherhood.

Flood has been a comedian for 20 years and now performs on "BJ IN THE MORNING" with the top morning show DJ in Charlotte, BJ Murphy.

Matt White, comedian based out of Greenville, will be performing his stand up comedy, sketch comedy and improvisational comedy. He won "Carolina's Funniest Comic" in 2013 and "Port City's Top Comic" in 2012.

White was a finalist in the Nutt Street Open Microphone Competition in 2012, where he finished in second place.

Tickets can be purchased at Moe's Barbershop, on E. 10th St., or at 3400 S Memorial Dr. Tickets are also available online at [www.etickets.com](http://www.etickets.com).

The doors will open two hours prior to the starting of the show and tickets are \$30 for general audience and \$40 for VIP tickets.

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# ‘ECU’s best’ to perform tonight’s concerto

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From French horns to flutes, students from both the graduate and undergraduate programs will be showcasing their talents in tonight’s concerto in the Recital Hall at 6 p.m.

A concerto, Italian for concert, is a musical event where one soloist plays the melody while an orchestra or other instruments accompany him or her. The students performing tonight will be playing note for note, completely from memory.

Each fall, the School of Music holds a competition to determine which student will play concerto next semester with the ECU Orchestra. Only one individual can perform concerto, so during the past few weeks’ preliminaries were held to cut that number from many potential musicians, to just a few.

There are five preliminary rounds, one for each of the instrument families: brass, woodwinds, strings, voice, and keyboard. The preliminaries for each of the families decided who was able to play at tonight’s final round. One from each family will be able to play alongside an accompanist.

“This year there is no voice finalist and no keyboard finalist,” said Christopher Ulfers, associate director of the School of Music. “I really like this concert because



Christopher Ulfers said that only a few students were chosen to preform at tonight's concerto.

it really showcases the best talent... of the school at that point.”

Payton Chadwick, a junior in horn performance, is this year’s finalist for brass. He started preparing his piece long in advance and this evening he will be completing a not so easy task.

“Learning [the piece] initially took the most amount of time,” said Chadwick. “It’s a tough concerto and a tough piece for me personally. I started working on memorizing

everything and then finally I got it... a good month and a half before the prelims, so I felt like I was on top of things.”

After all the hard work, practicing through the piece every day, tonight Chadwick will be playing Richard Strauss Horn Concerto No. 2, which is approximately 22 minutes long.

This evening’s performances will, “really show [students] if you set your mind to it you can do it,” said Chadwick. “There are going to be people there playing 40 minute long

concertos from memory.”

Chadwick is an advocate of getting more classical music out to the public and has tried to get students to turn off today’s pop music, sit down and listen to traditional pieces.

“Pop music is fun to listen to but I’m not going to sit there and say this is really beautiful music,” said Chadwick. “Classical music is beautiful... It can do so much and I just want everyone to appreciate it.”

There are about 320 students in the School of Music, so tonight’s performance will showcase the top one percent in the entire school.

“[Students] should take the time to come because these are some of the best performances by their colleagues,” said Ulfers. “I think it would be a very cool chance to see some of the best performers in the school.”

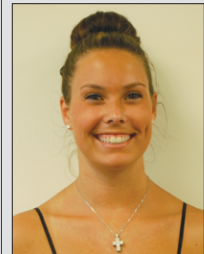
The School of Music holds many other events which you can find on their website. Seniors holding their final recitals, ensemble concerts, chamber music concerts, musicals and operas are all set to occur.

“I just think it’s so important...music and the arts,” said Chadwick. “Really any kind of art form is really important, music even more so.”

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire' Series' second installment fed fan's restless appetites



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Moviegoers everywhere have anxiously awaited the arrival of “The Hunger Games” sequel, “Catching Fire,” and were not disappointed. The film brought back the same action and an intriguing plot like its predecessor, maybe even better.

The film picks up right where the last one concluded. Katniss, played by Jennifer Lawrence, and Peeta, played by Josh Hutcherson, return home to District 12 after successfully winning the Hunger Games. Upon their arrival, they find that there are several problems beginning to become public both locally and nationally. For Katniss, hers hit a little closer to home.

Her beau, Gale, played by Liam Hemsworth, is starting to question her feelings. Though he hopes her heart belongs to him, he can’t look beyond the affection she displayed towards Peeta throughout the games, which was in their best interest for survival. Peeta, on the other hand, becomes defeated at her lack of interest at the conclusion of the games.

Jennifer Lawrence once again captures the audience with her acting abilities. As the film’s “star,” Katniss has the attention of the viewer for the duration of the movie. Lawrence captures the identity of the heroine in her character, which is enhanced by her intuition and role adaptation.

As things become more serious, President Snow, played by Donald Sutherland, sees Katniss as the perfect person to lead a revolution. In hopes of gaining her cooperation, the president consistently threatens her and her family. Obliging to his requests, she attends the victory tour, smiling and engaging with the crowd. Snow, however, still questions her commitment.



"The Hunger Games" sequel "Catching Fire" generated \$150 million on opening weekend.

As a result, he announces that another round of games would be held, sending Katniss and Peeta back into the “battlefield,” including their allies and enemies.

The two and a half hour film is essentially broken into two parts, the first is the introduction, where Katniss and Peeta return as co-champions and greet the crowds. Her

heroic display of defiance by teaming up with Peeta inspires citizens in the districts, and makes them think that they too can rise against their rulers. Her rebellious spirit allows for an inspirational yet action filled film, while shedding light on a female hero, contrary to the popular standard.

The final hour of the film is when the real action begins. The games begin and are set in what appeared to be a tropical forest. Their challenges range anywhere from a downpour of blood to a blinding toxic mist. Amongst these many obstacles, comedic relief arrives when Joanna, played by Jena Malone, attempts to strip for Peeta in an elevator. While Peeta appreciates the situation at hand, Katniss sneers.

The sequel provides viewers with a much more intense story line. Though the first film in the series was packed with action, there is no comparison to the second. “Catching Fire” heightened the level of intensity while instilling fear and panic amongst the audience in the best way possible.

“The Hunger Games” was essentially the game aspect of the series. The films that follow display the fear and danger of life after.

Fox News reported that the film brought in over \$161 million in its opening weekend. Not only was it Liongate’s most rewarding opening, but it also became the biggest November debut ever.

Their website also stated that “Catching Fire” received better reviews as well as an increased audience turnout. The third film is scheduled for release in November of 2014, leaving audiences everywhere “hungry” for more.

Grade: A

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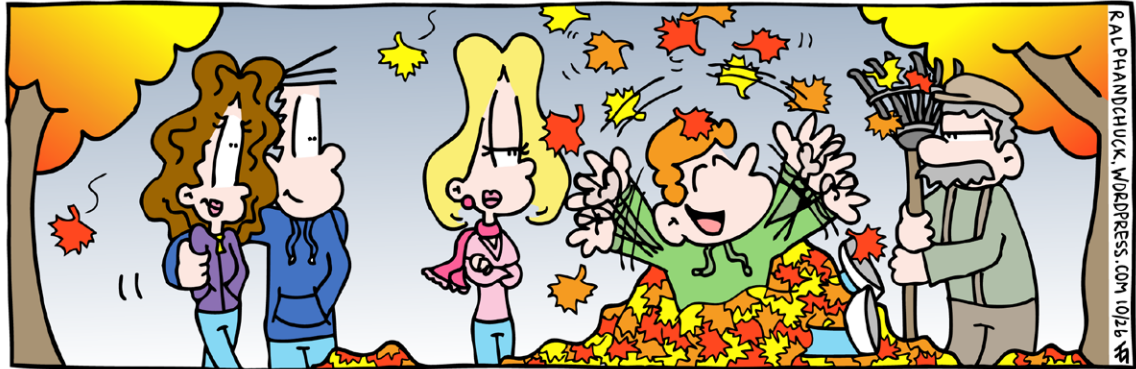
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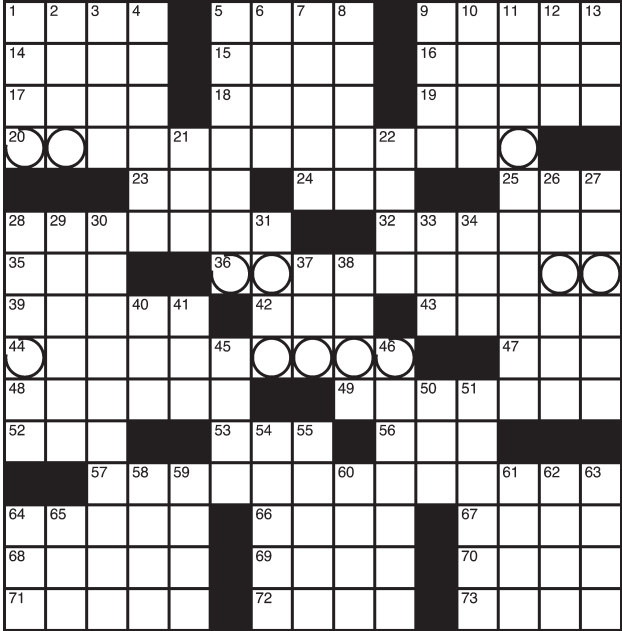
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# Beat State; eyeing the Herd



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After Josh Hawkins (28) and the Pirates beat NC State in Raleigh, they turned their sights on the Marshall Thundering Herd (8-3 overall, 6-1 in C-USA) and their Friday afternoon matchup.

## ECU faces Marshall for the Conference USA East title

**Dan Hunt**  
TEC STAFF

The ECU Pirates (9-2, 6-1 C-USA) will travel to Huntington, W. Va. for a Conference-USA heavy-weight fight against the Marshall Thundering Herd (8-3, 6-1 C-USA). The matchup is set to kickoff at noon on Friday. The winner takes the East Division and clinches a spot in the C-USA title game.

Last Saturday, ECU defeated NC State, marking the first time the Pirates have beaten both UNC and the Wolfpack in the same season. During post-game interviews, Pirate players were emotionally grounded, in contrast to the always-boisterous Pirate Nation. Running back Vintavious Cooper was happy with the win, but rather than reveling in the moment, he noted that ECU has “bigger fish to fry.” Cooper, his teammates and coaches know that they will be up against a shark this Friday in Huntington.

The Herd returned 15 starters from a 2012 team that took the Pirates to two overtimes in Dowdy-Ficklen before falling, 65-59. The most important member of that team, quarterback Rakeem Cato, is back this year and better than ever. His 299 yards of total offense per game is second in the conference, trailing only ECU’s Shane Carden, who has produced 329.5 yards per game. The 12 p.m. showdown should have Conference Player of the Year implications.

“[Cato] did a great job last year and is doing a great job this year,” said ECU Head Coach Ruffin McNeill.

Cato’s completion percentage of 59 percent is 10 points lower than last year, but the junior has thrown 32 touchdowns to only seven interceptions – the exact same numbers as Carden.

“We also have to be concerned with his mobility and his ability to extend plays,” noted McNeill. Cato has rushed for 248 yards this season.

Although ECU has thrown for more yards this season than Marshall, who ranks second in the conference in that category, Marshall is second in rushing (215.6 ypg); ECU ranks twelfth in that area at 126.5 ypg.

The speedy senior Essray Teliaferro leads the tailback unit with 845 yards rushing and nine touchdowns to go along with 11 receptions for 111 yards. But Marshall doesn’t lose production when Teliaferro is off the field, as tailbacks Steward Butler and Kevin Grooms have combined for 1164 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns.

Cato’s favorite receiver, Tommy Shuler (80 receptions, 872 yards, nine touchdowns) had a field day against the Pirates last season to the tune of 14 catches, 141 yards and two touchdowns, while Gator Hoskins (34 receptions, 592 yards, 12 touchdowns) will be a handful for the Pirate secondary and linebackers to deal with.

(9-2)	ADVANTAGE	(8-3)
QB—Shane Carden 72.8% completion...3,575 yards 32 TD...7 INT	◀	QB—Rakeem Cato 59.3% completion... 3,042 yards 32 TD...7 INT
RB—Vintavious Cooper 902 yards...9 TD...4.9 avg yards	◀	RB—Essray Taliaferro 845 yards...9 TD...5.3 avg yards
WR—Justin Hardy 95 rec...1,130 yards...8 TD	◀	WR—Tommy Shuler 80 rec...872 yards...9 TD
<b>Defense</b> Derrell Johnson 69 tackles...5.5 sacks	◀	<b>Defense</b> Jermaine Holmes 75 total tackles...2 sacks
Kicking Warren Harvey 12-21 FG's...55-56 PAT's...Long: 46	▶	Kicking Justin Haig 8-13 FG's...62-65 PAT's...Long: 41

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“I think Gator Hoskins is one of the best tight-ends in the league,” said McNeill. “They flex him like we do with our tight-ends and he does a great job getting open.”

Marshall’s multiple-look defense, which usually features four downlinemen, ranks third in the conference with 349.5 yards surrendered. The Thundering Herd’s strength is its secondary, more specifically its cornerbacks. The unit is second in the league with 199 passing yards per game.

“Jermaine Holmes is a really good linebacker we’ll face,” said McNeill. “He’s the leader of the defense, he leads them in tackles and he never comes off the field.”

The key to ECU’s nine-win season has been its defensive improvement since last year, but Marshall leads the nation in that statistic, improving by 22 points per game since 2012.

If it sounds like these teams are similar, it’s because they are. The 1.5-point Las Vegas margin, which favors Marshall, accurately portrays

the even nature of this matchup, especially considering that the home team is typically spotted three points.

With the equally prolific tandem of Cato and Carden calling signals, this one is almost sure to be a shoot-out. But something has to give, so defensive-stands will be crucial, even if there are only a few. Expect another thriller, possibly even a third straight overtime game, this Friday in Huntington.

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<b>Tuesday 11/26</b> (Away) Men’s Basketball UNC Asheville 5 p.m.	<b>Thursday 11/28</b>  Have a Happy Thanksgiving from the TEC Sports staff!	<b>Friday 11/29</b> (Away) Football Marshall Noon  Women’s Basketball IUPUI 5 p.m.	<b>Sunday 12/1</b>  Women’s Basketball Cleveland State 2:30 p.m.  Men’s Basketball UNC Wilmington 5 p.m.	<b>Tuesday 12/3</b>  Men’s Basketball Fayetteville State 7 p.m.
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### TAKEAWAYS

<b>WOMEN’S BASKETBALL</b>  ECU beat the Elon Phoenix to stay undefeated on the season. The Lady Pirates are 5-0.
<b>CAROLINA PANTHERS</b>  The Carolina Panthers beat the Miami Dolphins, 20-16, to improve to 8-3.
<b>MEN’S BASKETBALL</b>  ECU beat McNeese State Monday evening, 91-62. The Pirates play UNC Asheville Tuesday in the last NIT game in Rhode Island.

<b>CHARLOTTE BOBCATS</b>  The Bobcats lost to the Celtics Monday night to drop their record to 7-8.
<b>FOOTBALL</b>  Shane Carden was named Co-Offensive Player of the Week for Conference USA after his performance in the win over NC State.
<b>ECU BASEBALL</b>  The ECU baseball team hosted its annual camp over the weekend.

FOOTBALL

The winner between ECU and Marshall will represent the East division in the Conference USA championship.

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# Lady Pirates still undefeated

**Corey Keenan**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

After a 93-84 win over Elon, the Lady Pirates are off to their first 5-0 start since the 2009-2010 season.

Led by Heather Macy, the Lady Pirates won despite foul trouble, including 28 personal fouls including two starters who fouled out.

The Pirates out rebounded the Phoenix, 38-35, as they have against every team this season. Senior Kristine Mial led the game with 10 boards. Mial was also one of four Pirates that scored in double figures with 20 points.

For the third straight game, redshirt sophomore Jada Payne led the Pirates in points with 23. Along with Payne and Mial, junior guards Janesha Ebron and Abria Trice also scored in double figures with 19 and 18 points, respectively.

In the first half, the Pirates came out shooting with 39 shots in the half. The Pirates picked up 43 points in the half, shooting 46 percent from the field. ECU lacked selectiveness; shooting 25 percent (3-12) from behind the arc. Elon was able to make better use of their shots as they shot 58 percent for the first half and picked up 40 points to trail by three at the half.

Defense was the key for the Pirates who picked up 15 steals, led by Ebron with six. Junior forward Ondrea Shaw picked up three blocks for the Pirates—matching Elon's team total. The Phoenix also turned the ball over 25 times in the game.

The second half was controlled by ECU despite foul



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The Women's basketball team is unbeaten and won its first road game this season on Saturday.

trouble by both teams. The Lady Pirates picked up 18 points from the free throw line in the second half on 24 attempts. Each team lost three starters in the game due to fouls. The Pirates had six of their 11 players who logged minutes pick up three or more fouls.

The Lady Pirates shot 15-29 (52 percent) from the field in the second half for 50 points in the half. Elon

watched the free throws rack up for the Pirates and the chance for a victory fade away as the Pirates pulled away late in the game. The Pirates held on to the lead and took the game 93-84.

Despite the Phoenix shooting 54 percent from the field, ECU was able to push the offensive tempo and put up 68 shots in the game. The Pirates picked up 90 points for the second time this season

and registered their first road victory.

The Lady Pirates' next challenge will come this Friday when they take on the Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis Panthers at home in the ECU Pirates Thanksgiving Tournament where they will look to improve on their still undefeated season.

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The Lady Pirates swam to second place over the weekend in the Nike Trials hosted in Chapel Hill.

# Lady Pirates rebound for second place at Nike meet

**Wayne Hall**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The Lady Pirates' swim team faced tough opposition over three days as they fought back from a slow start to finish second out of eight teams.

As Saturday drew an end to the Janis Hape Dowd Nike Cup Invitational, hosted in Chapel Hill, so did a tough three-day challenge for the Lady Pirates. The 12th ranked North Carolina Tar Heels hosted the 38th ranked Lady Pirates, 24th ranked N.C. State, 37th ranked Duke, Navy, Old Dominion and Georgia Southern at the event that kicked off Thursday morning.

The first day of competition started off fast with UNC quickly claiming victories, amassing an overwhelming 283-point lead over closest competitor, Duke.

Both ECU's men and women's teams were slow out of the gates, but managed to fight back and hold a fourth place standing after day one. The opening day was still eventful for both sides as Lady Pirate swimmers Megan Rossi and Anna Gibas both set varsity records, while breast-stroke specialist Rokas Cepulis

earned an NCAA 'B' cut with a time of 1:48.26 in the 200-yard individual medley, capturing second behind North Carolina's Dominick Glavich.

The Lady Pirates ramped up the intensity on the second day of competition as they made up ground, moving into third place behind Duke who had a 34-point margin over the women. Day two of the cup invitational saw three more varsity records fall as senior Anna Gibas set a new varsity record in the women's 100 backstroke with a 'B' cut time of 54.73.

Sophomore Megan Sellers also got in on the record setting action as she set a new school record in the 100 breaststroke, finishing second with a time of 1:01.71 as she also qualified with a 'B' cut. The final record of day two of competition was set by a collection of women as the women's 200 medley relay team comprised of Gibas, Sellers, Baillie Monahan, and Anastasia Amoiroglue set a pool time of 1:41.62.

The second day was rough for the men as they fell from fourth to fifth in standings. Cepulis and Michael Dugan

were the only two bright spots on the team as Cepulis finished fourth during the 100 breaststroke, posting a time of 54.86, which would be another NCAA 'B' cut, while Dugan finished fifth in the 200 free.

It would take until the final day of competition before the Lady Pirates could finally overtake Duke, who still led by 32 points. By the end of the third day, the Lady Pirates would prove too much for the Blue Devils as they overtook Duke with a 48.5 point lead which would be enough to keep both the Blue Devils and the Wolfpack at bay.

With UNC comfortably leading with 2,908.5 points, the Lady Pirates remained resilient and ended the three day event with their highest ever finish in cup history as they amassed 1,504 points, holding on for a second place overall finish.

The Pirates will dive into their next dual meet action in the New Year as both teams take on IUPUI on Jan. 6 in Jupiter Fla.

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# Pirates out gun Cowboys



The Pirates found their groove from three-point range and won big over McNeese St.

**Brian Wudkwyh**  
FOR THE EAST CAROLINIAN

The ECU Men's Basketball team (5-1) rolled to a dominant 91-62 victory over the McNeese State Cowboys (2-4) Monday in its NIT consolation game, which took place in Rhode Island.

The Pirates found their scoring from beyond the arc, as they made 14 three-point shots, six of which belonged to senior Akeem Richmond.

Richmond found a groove early and helped the Pirates open the paint up with his sharp shooting from three-point range. The former Rhode Island star returned to the university where his college career began. Even though the Pirates didn't play his former school, Richmond was comfortable in the environment, as he finished the night with 25 points.

The Pirates started the game by falling behind 4-0, but an early Richmond three sparked the Pirates offense. Sophomore forward Michael Zangari looked impressive, as he saw extra playing time with Marshall Guilmette suffering from a knee injury. Zangari was a presence in the paint, finishing the night with 13 points. He also pulled in seven rebounds.

With a variation of small runs, the Pirates found themselves with a 43-29 lead going into halftime. The first half had its fair share of sloppy plays, but the Pirates were the team that capitalized on open chances. The three ball proved to be a viable option for the Pirates, as they shot from a 53.8% mark from beyond the arc.

Coming out of the second half the Pirates were sure to jump on the Cowboys and put the game away. A 28-18 run for the Pirates gave them a 71-47 lead. With the game squarely in hand, the Pirates were able to give bench players Petar Torlak and Gregg Alexander extended looks. Torlak hit two threes and ended the night with 8 points.

Depth scoring wasn't an issue for the Pirates, as they had 25 points off of the bench.

Junior Paris Roberts-Campbell and freshman Caleb White finished with 16 and 14 points respectively. Freshman Brandan Stith had a big night as well finishing with 11 points and a team-high 10 rebounds.

The Pirate defense looked impressive as well, holding the Cowboys to 62 points and just 37.7% from the field. The staunch defense has been a trend the Pirates



Jeff Lebo (above) and his young team is 5-1 thus far in the 2013-14 season.


have embraced all season, as they have out-scored their opponents by a combined score of 527 to 390.

The Pirates will play their final NIT consolation game tomorrow when they take on the UNC Asheville Bulldogs. If Guilmette doesn't play again, the Pirates will lean heavily on Zangari and Stith to provide the inside presence against the big Bulldog team.

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## TEC'sperts

### The East Carolinian's sports experts predict this weekend's football game




**Ronnie Moore**  
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Who Wins? ECU, 42-38  
Why? The series between these two high powered offenses hasn't disappointed yet. I expect ECU to start strong and the defense will make a huge play late in the 4th quarter.




**Josh Graham**  
@\_JoshDGraham

Who Wins? Marshall, 45-42  
Why? Marshall is 5-0 at home. ECU hasn't played in a cold-weather environment yet, and the Thundering Herd are just as hot as the Pirates going into the game. It's a toss-up.




**Dan Hunt**  
@DanHuntECU

Who Wins? ECU, 56-49  
Why? This one is the definition of a toss-up. ECU makes one more big play than Marshall and Justin Hardy shines.



**Chase Kroll**  
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Who Wins? ECU, 48-38  
Why? These team's offense are identical on paper, but its time to give ECU's defense some credit. They've held teams to 28 points or less in five straight games and can hang with the Herd.



**Bradley Harwood**  
@HarwoodB19

Who Wins? ECU, 38-31  
Why? One of the toughest games to pick this season. Look for another hard-fought game with the Pirates prevailing.

## A year in the record books for Pirates



**Josh Graham**  
TEC STAFF

Don't look now, but ECU is in the midst of one of its best seasons in school history. The Pirates' 42-28 win over N.C. State was the team's ninth of the year (9-2, 6-1 C-USA) with two confirmed games left to play, three hinging on the outcome against Marshall. The program has hit double-figure wins in a year just once before: the 1991 team that finished 11-1 and ranked ninth nationally.

Led by Jeff Blake, ECU capped that season with a 17-point rally to stun N.C. State, 37-34, in the 1992 Peach Bowl. Saturday's game between the Pirates and the Wolfpack wasn't nearly as close, nor did it hold the same type

of consequences, but did have some fascinating historical significance.

It marks the first time ECU has beaten N.C. State and North Carolina in the same season and won both games on the road, nonetheless. The 55-31 result at Kenan Stadium on Sept. 28 was the school's first win in Chapel Hill since 1975.

For Zeek Bigger, ECU linebacker and Gastonia native, several of the players he grew up competing alongside currently play their college football at various in-state schools, including N.C. State and UNC.

"It means a lot to me," said Bigger. "Just being a North Carolina kid, it just feels great to know that we own the state right now."

From an individual standpoint, the Pirates'



The Pirate offense fired on all cylinders in the win over rival NC State on Saturday in Raleigh.

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prolific offensive duo of Shane Carden and Justin Hardy is on pace to set several of the school's individual records. In fact, they have already begun doing so.

Hardy, a former walk-on from West Craven High School, broke Dwayne Harris' record for receiving yards in a season (1,123) with his eight-grab, 83-yard outing on Saturday. Two more of Harris' milestones are likely to fall soon. Hardy's 95 receptions are seven short of the most receptions in a season and he is 103 receiving yards shy of becoming the all-time leader in receiving yards. Harris finished with 3,001 before getting drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 2011.

"That's a great record to break. Being the guy Dwayne was [at ECU], that's a big record," said Hardy.

Carden leads the nation in completion percentage (73 percent) and, barring a decline in his efficiency, would shatter Dominique Davis' mark from 2011 (68 percent). Davis also holds the two highest passing seasons in school history, but those are in jeopardy as well. Carden is just 367 yards away from surpassing Davis and achieving the single-season passing milestone.

And those are just the larger records that Carden and Hardy are close to or have already eclipsed. Most of the single-game marks for passing and receiving are theirs and remarkably, they each still have another year of eligibility.

The progression of Lincoln Riley's offense has directly resulted in success on the field. The Pirates have averaged 50 points per game during their five-game win streak and will likely need to put up a similar numbers to leave Huntington, W.Va. with a road-win at Marshall on Friday.

If ECU is able to do so, it would represent the East Division of Conference USA in the conference championship game, in its last season as a member of the league. Head Coach Ruffin McNeill has neither appeared in the C-USA championship nor won a bowl game during his tenure at ECU.

All of the team's goals are still in its reach. And if what we've seen this year is any indication, expect the Pirates to continue re-writing the record books.

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