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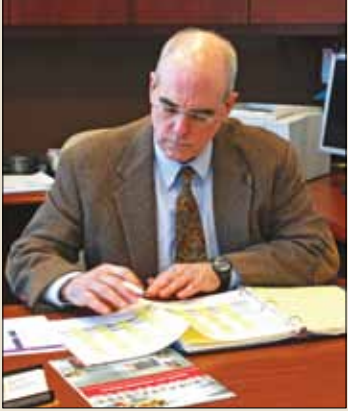
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BRIEFS

New dean named at the College of Technology and Computer Science



LESLIE BAKER | THE EAST CAROLINIAN
After serving as interim dean for a year and a half, White recently became the official dean of ECU's School of Science and Technology.

Emily Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

Dr. David White has recently been named the dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science where he has been serving as the interim dean since June 2008.

According to White, the college began searching for a candidate to permanently fill the position of dean in the spring of 2009. White was formerly the chair of the Department of Health Education and Promotion and interim dean of the School of Health and Human Performance.

Among his reasons for applying for the dean position, White cited that the college's "students, faculty, and staff are great people" and that he was very comfortable working with them during his interim term. White stated that he was also impressed with the potential that the College of Technology and Computer Science, which includes the fields of construction, computer science, engineering, and technology systems, possesses to make a difference in eastern North Carolina. "Our college can really have a positive impact. Our graduates can go back to their homes and really help the economy in eastern North Carolina," stated White.

As for the future of the college, White has big plans for increasing its ability to make a difference in the local community. White stated that he's "very interested in expanding and engaging with local and state industry." According to White, this means working to create a career development center for the college and connecting both students and faculty with the real world industry initiatives.

White also stated that he hopes to connect with other departments across ECU's campus by promoting interdisciplinary research and scholarship and advocating research in the STEM fields: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. White stated that "as a country we've kind of fallen behind in the STEM fields," which he believes are essential to economic development.

As far as expansion within the college is concerned, White hopes to increase the college's biomedical engineering program, which is a relatively new area in the college.

White stated that ECU's campus would be an excellent home for a graduate program in biomedical engineering where "we can also work with the medical school."

White is optimistic about the future of the College of Technology and Computer Science. He mentioned the backing of excellent leaders, such as Chancellor Steve Ballard and Provost Sheerer, as his reasons for having such a positive outlook. White also stated that he values collaborating with all the other deans on ECU's campus.

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Chick-fil-A Reopens, Much to Student Delight



Liz Arline, a freshman Communication major, enjoys some lemonade from the new Chick-fil-A located in Destination 360.



Senior Biology student Sapan Kapadia waits for his food at the new Chick-fil-A located in Destination 360.

Pirate resolutions for the New Year

By Heather Dinwiddie
STAFF WRITER

After spending the end of 2009 celebrating Christmas with family, some ECU students want to spend the beginning of 2010 bettering themselves.

Paige Ward, a middle grades education major, explained her New Year's resolution to stop procrastinating.

"After every semester, I always promise myself that I won't wait till the last minute next time, but I always do," said Ward. "I just finished my fall senior semester and it was the hardest semester of my life. I know I could have made it better by pacing myself with my work throughout the year. I have a lot of things to do for second semester, such as my portfolio, and that's too important to wait until the last minute to finish."

To make sure she does not procrastinate, Ward has a plan to follow throughout the semester.

"I'm going to actually do assignments the day they are given, instead of the day they are due," said Ward. "I'm always going to be sure to start on larger assignments before the week I'm supposed to turn them in."

Even though Ward planned her resolution for the spring semester, she hopes to follow it even after she graduates.

"I'm going to teach middle school, so I know it is important for me as a teacher to stay current with my grading and other things I will need to do; not wait till the last minute, just because I'm a teacher and feel like I can," said Ward.

While Ward hopes to improve herself academically, Brian Taylor, a junior Communication major, hopes to better himself wholly.

"I have had too many experiences this year that have made me realize I need to act better sometimes," said Taylor. "I've had people tell me how I was very hard to approach when they first met me—that I came across rude and stuck up."

Taylor began working on his resolution as the clock struck midnight on New Year's Eve and planned to both be a nicer person as well as learn to control his temper.

Because he is trying to reinvent himself, Taylor realizes his resolution will take some time.

"I hope that it gets accomplished as soon as possible, but this resolution will be one to take a while and will hopefully become easier as the year progresses," said Taylor. Taylor is also getting help with his resolution from his friends and family.

Like Taylor, Candace Williams, a senior recreational therapy major, hopes to reinvent herself. However, she is planning to do this spiritually.

"I want to spend more meditation time with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by spending more time reading my Bible, attending

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Cassie McLean
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

ECU News Services announced last spring the close of the very popular Croatan building. On May 1, free prizes, food and cake celebrated the farewell and on May 7, the last students were served and the very popular Chick-fil-A was closed down.

While the project worked to build a new structure nearly twice the size of the previous building, which serves nearly 3,000 students a day, students have had to seek out new places to eat—including Destination 360 in Mendenhall.

It was no surprise, then, that Campus Dining chose this area as the new location for the new and extremely popular Chick-fil-A which opened Monday.

"I definitely like that it's back," said Jamie Seebold, a junior at ECU who visited the location for lunch. "I saw the sign last night when I came up and was so surprised."

Kaliah Lewis, a sophomore who also attended opening day, said "Oh yes, I'm definitely excited. I'm sure it'll attract more people." As to her personal experiences, Lewis jokingly said, "When they got rid of the fried shrimp, I stopped coming to 360, but because of the Chick-fil-A, I will probably come more."

While a sea of confusion has surrounded what will happen to the Chick-fil-A that existed in the

Croatan, Stephanie Sumner, Marketing Manager for ECU's Dining Department clarified the matter.

"The Chick-fil-A will stay in the 360. In fact, there will be a brand new one in the Croatan once it reopens. So there will actually be two."

Students can look forward to the second opening in 2011. The success of Chick-fil-A's first day at Mendenhall is already noteworthy.

"There were tons of students today," said Sumner, "I went there this afternoon and the line was out the door—but moved very quickly," she added, "It was like a sea of Chick-fil-A bags in there."

For students who have not had a chance to come out and enjoy the food, the Grand Opening will take place Wednesday, January 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local station WZMB will be broadcasting from the location with games and giveaways for those who come out.

Sumner seemed to describe the new restaurant perfectly when she said, "It's been much anticipated."

It seems student Lauren Polli, a junior, expressed what seems to be the only disappointment amongst the excitement: The second Chick-fil-A will not be open until after she graduates.

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Businesses reflect on new smoking ban

Chris Thomas
STAFF WRITER

On January 2nd, a sweeping ban on smoking in both public bars and restaurants was put into effect.

The bill, signed by Governor Beverly Perdue nearly 8 months ago, didn't take effect until the New Year, in part to allow restaurant and bar owners to prepare for the new change.

From the day it was signed into law by Gov. Perdue, opinions have been mixed among North Carolinians.

"We don't think this will have any negative effects on business," said Warren Robertson, general manager of Ham's Restaurant and Brew House on Evans Street.

Robertson, who has held his position at Ham's for the past five months, has been working in the restaurant industry for the past 20 years and says that he sees this as a historically significant event, both in a positive and negative way, for the state and his restaurant; but sees the new law as long term

positive for everyone.

"This is a positive thing because our non-smokers don't have to smell it [burning tobacco]...the only real negative I've seen is from our staff. They used to be able to take smoke breaks, but now they can't. There was some backlash at first, but after about a week, no one really cared," said Robertson.

Robertson said that he sympathizes with his employees since he is a cigar smoker, but knows that the ban will be for the best. Robertson said also that Ham's serves both students and families and that the ban has had no effect on business so far and it may even bring more customers in.

"I can't foresee this having any significant effect on us in the long run. More families have actually been coming in and non-smoking bar patrons have been encouraged to stay longer," said Robertson.

A similar sentiment is shared by Tandi Mahn, co-owner of Christy's Euro Pub's, who has held the position for the past three years



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While taking a smoke break on campus, sophomore Matt Blisard gave his opinion on the newly-implemented statewide smoking ban. "I think the smoking ban may be beneficial to some major restaurants, but as far as bars and pubs, I don't know if it's the best idea," said Blisard.

and is an 11-year veteran of the restaurant business.

"We serve a good portion of the ECU Community here and we hope that business will pick up. I think things will stay the same over the long run," said Mahn.

Mahn said that she also hasn't seen any noticeable changes around her establishment and that the fact that there is no smoke inside is a plus. On the contrary, she is less than enthused with the new law, in principal.

"I'm kind of against it," said Mahn. "I think store owners should decide [on whether or not to permit smoking]."

Mahn wanted to reassure smokers who enjoy spending their time at Christy's, saying that though there is no smoking inside, there will be a patio open when the weather warms up again for those who enjoy a little tobacco with their meal.

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ECU switches to 'Pirates' wireless network

Staff Reports

ECU's Internet and Technology Services has officially switched to the 'Pirates' wireless Internet network as of the start of spring semester.

Students accustomed to using their computers on campus may have noticed the addition of the 'Pirates' network during fall semester. In October, the ITS department switched from the long-used 'Taho' network to 'Pirates.' According to the ITS department, the network swap is merely a name change and students should not see any drastic differences between the new 'Pirates' network and the former 'Taho.'

Students and faculty with university-owned computers will remain unaffected by the switch. These university-provided computers were set up under the secured 'Buccaneer' WiFi network, which has not undergone any changes.

Students with Internet-capable mobile devices may also use the 'Pirates' network to access the Web while on campus.

ITS assures students that the network switch will not cause any major changes in the way students access the Web. If students do happen to have issues or questions in response to the network change, they should call the IT Help Desk at 252-328-9866.

Spring commencement exercises scheduled

Staff reports

Commencement exercises for spring 2010 graduation will be held on Friday, May 7 beginning at 10 a.m.

The time has been changed due to construction issues concerning the expansion of Dowdy-Ficklen stadium, which has prohibited an evening ceremony.

NC local Fantasia scores reality show

Associated Press

Fantasia Barrino talks about how she got sidetracked financially in the first episode of a VH1 reality series about the "American Idol" winner from North Carolina.

The show, "Fantasia for Real," debuts at 10 p.m. Monday. The Charlotte Observer reported Monday that the 25-year-old singer acknowledges that her extended family of six can be a financial burden.

The 2004 "American Idol" winner had financial problems after moving from High Point to Charlotte — despite a successful autobiography, a made-for-TV movie, a Broadway role in "The Color Purple" and a platinum album.

The newspaper says liens were filed against her first home in Charlotte over unpaid homeowner association fees and creditors sued for her \$240,000 Mercedes. Her second home was saved from auction after fees were paid on back taxes in 2009.

NEWS

CALENDAR EVENTS

Tuesday (1/12)

***Mangolia Belle Audition**
Do you love to sing and perform? If so, come audition for ECU's all-female a capella group! Auditions will be held in Fletcher Music Center, Room 265. Audition will run from 6:30 to 7:30. E-mail magnoliabelles@ecu.edu to arrange an audition time.

Wednesday (1/13)

***Chick-fil-A Grand Opening at 360!** Chick-fil-A will host a grand opening celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. WZMB 91.3 will be doing

a live remote. Come enjoy games, food, prizes and fun at the grand opening.

***SAB Presents: Gamer** 9:30 p.m. at Hendrix Theatre Rated R

***Magnolia Belle Audition**
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***ECU Intramural Sports Captains' Meeting**

Intramural Sports will have the first Captains' Meeting (Basketball and Bowling) of the Spring Semester on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 5 p.m. in the Mendenhall Great Rooms. If you have any questions, please let me know or you can access our Web site at www.ecu.edu/crw/program/intramurals.

Thursday (1/14)

***ECU Gospel Choir** Informational Meeting 6 p.m. A.J. Fletcher Music Building Building B110

***Chuck Davis African Ameri-**

can Dance Ensemble 7:30 to 10 p.m. CFAC Event.

***Last Day for Late Registration** (drop/add classes)

***SAB Presents: Gamer** 9:30 p.m. Hendrix Theatre (MSC)

***SAB Presents Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself** 7 p.m. Hendrix Theatre

***Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival** 7 to 9 p.m. A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall

Friday (1/15)

***Four Season's Chamber Music Festival** 8 to 10 p.m. A.J. Fletcher Hall School of Music Event

***Last Day for Schedule Changes** (add Only)

***SAB Presents: Gamer** 9:30 p.m. at Hendrix (MSC)

***SAB Presents Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself** 7 p.m. Hendrix Theatre (MSC)

***NCC Casino Night** 7 to 10 p.m. North Campus Crossing Gym

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Each resident of North Campus Crossing is allowed to bring up to two guests to this event. Because the gym will be set up like a casino, all guests must be over the age of 18. Guests of residents are also still eligible to win prizes.

Contact: Dr. Sylvie Debevec Henning at 252-328-5520 or hennings@ecu.edu

experience in the past in order to avoid re-teaching dance skills.

*SAB Presents Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself 7 p.m. Hendrix Theatre (MSC)


Saturday (1/16)

*Great Decisions Program: Russia & Its Neighbors 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Rivers West Auditorium Speaker: Dr. Richard Ericson, Department of Economics, ECU
For more information visit: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/greatdecisions/home.cfm>

Monday (1/18)

*No Classes—Holiday
*MLK Day of Service
*ECU All Star Dance Team Tryouts. 6 p.m. Mendenhall Student Center in the Social Room. The audition is open to all ECU students; however, the team prefers to have girls who have had dance

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Many hookah bars ignore new NC smoking ban

Associated Press

Most bars and restaurants are obeying North Carolina's new indoor smoking ban, but some hookah bars are ignoring the law, saying they are exempt.

The Winston-Salem Journal reported that state officials say the state's no-smoking law, which took effect Jan. 2, applies to all bars, even the state's approximately 20 hookah bars.

But hookah bar owners and their proponents point to a section of the law that defines "smoking" as "the use or possession of a lighted cigarette, lighted cigar, lighted pipe, or any other lighted tobacco product."

They say that while the tobacco used in hookah smoking is heated by charcoal, it's never lit because a small metal screen or piece of foil

provides a physical barrier between the coals and the tobacco.

Hookahs are long pipes used with flavored tobacco. Smokers heat tobacco and flavoring and use a tube to draw the smoke through a bowl of water to cool it.

An attorney for the Division of Public Health says hookahs fall under the "lighted pipe" definition.

"Your typical modern hookah tobacco is tobacco mixed with molasses or honey — depending on the brand — glycerin, flavoring and sometimes a little dye. So it's very wet. If you tried to take a lighter to it, it just wouldn't work because it's too wet," said Adam Bliss, the owner of Hookah Bliss, a hookah bar in Chapel Hill.

Hookah Bliss is doing business as usual, as are hookah bars in Wilmington and Asheville.

State Rep. Hugh Holliman, the chief sponsor of the smoking ban, said the Legislature never intended to cripple hookah bars.

"It's not our intent to penalize hookah bars. We just don't want to start making exceptions that are adverse to healthy consequences," said Holliman, D-Davidson and the majority leader in the N.C. House.

It's possible the Legislature would revisit the issue later this year, he said. "I would be willing to take a look at that and see if we could work a compromise," he said.

Under the law, bars and restaurants that allow customers to smoke inside get written warnings for the first two offenses. After that, they can be fined \$200 for each offense.

Local health directors are responsible for enforcing the law, based mostly on public complaints.

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Bible study and mediating on His word," said Williams.

To assist her in following through with her resolution, Williams plans to attend Bible study once a week, read her Bible, mediate twice a day and continue to pray as much as she can.

However, Williams does not have a set time to accomplish her resolution.

"It's not a matter of getting it accomplished. I feel that it's a matter of maintaining it. I have to work and keep this up," said Williams. "I plan to continue to do this as long as possible, to strengthen my faith and relationship with the Lord."

As Williams wants to keep a close relationship with God, Christopher Lang, a freshman accounting major, wants to keep himself in shape.

"[I want] to start running again," said Lang. "It helps me relieve stress and gives me more energy."


While he has already started his resolution, Lang plans to manage his time so there are no excuses for not following through with it.

He also plans to keep his resolution ongoing, but once he is satisfied with it, Lang wants to work to accomplish something else.

"I plan to run farther," said Lang.

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If I hear the words, "I don't want a relationship, just sex," come out of a guy's mouth one more time, I think I'll have to hit someone.

I love it when all the financial aid office does is show me a webpage with a list of scholarships and grants and leaves it at that. Thanks, don't you think I could have googled that myself?

Can these dorms be another color besides white? I mean, even beige would be an improvement over all this white! The cinder block cell walls are closing in!

To the couple having hardcore sex in NCC: You sound like your breaking the wall down! Be careful, they are thin.

Leggings are out and stockings are in!

I think that the squirrels on the Mall are at war with the squirrels at Destination 360...

Why is it always the "easy" classes I get bad grades in?

I don't care if my books are sitting out on the living room table. Last time I checked, our apartment was not the Biltmore Estate, so until you start running tours from 9 to 6, I'm not moving them.

To the girls wearing only tights, boots, and hoodies: You look trashy. The rest of us who wear real clothes don't want to see your underwear due to the fact that tights aren't pants. Put some clothes on, thanks.

Dude seriously? I used to date your good friend and I know you know I hooked up with your roommate 2 weeks ago. Why on earth would I fool around with you? I know you just tried using me to make your ex jealous and my ex angry.

I honestly think that my roommate takes out my laundry before it's done drying and throws it into a wrinkled pile because I'm less than half her size.

I'd rather watch a Life Alert commercial than go to my FORL 2600 class.

Mistake # 1232432453454... Never move in with freshman.

I think if you googled Google the website would crash.

It helps to open the milk before you chug it. Same for beer.

So...if I cheat on mine with her, and she's cheating on hers with me, that cancels out right? It's been a few years since college algebra.

Dear roommate: I would prefer that you stop using the apartment as your own personal brothel. Thanks.

Roommate: Please stop being such a shut in and leave every once in a while. There is a world out there and we both would be happier if you experienced periodically.

To the owners of the yappy dog downstairs: If it wakes me up one more time, I will not hesitate to kidnap it and set it loose in the woods somewhere.

Dear Roommate: Maybe I wouldn't mind having your boyfriend in the room if he didn't leave the used condoms on MY desk.

I guess people forgot the definition of two-faced. Its where one minute your talking crap about someone and the next minute your best friends with them. How about you stop talking crap and get over your insecurities?

To the girl who doesn't wear shoes, you know who you are: If I see you and that guy make out or grope each other one more time in the crowded elevator right next to me, I'm going to puke on you!

My roommate poured HOT BACON grease into a Styrofoam McDonald's cup and didn't realize it would melt threw! ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?!?

Dear Roommate: Sorry, I keep forgetting you're in college. I get confused by the fact that your mom keeps coming over to take care of you and do your laundry.

My air conditioning unit sounds like it's speaking Morse Code to me.

The most annoying sound is someone that is too lazy to pick up their feet when they walk.

If I wear my Uggs under my pants does that make me an undercover slut?

Only in Greenville will you get towed in the VISITORS lot!!! Thanks Greenville! You cost me \$125.

Note to Southerners: Having gelled hair and wearing a button up shirt does not make you a Guido. Just because northerners know how to dress nice don't be hatin'. Learn what a Guido is before you make fun. Ya jacka**es!

I cheated on my exam just because my professor said it would be impossible. My middle name is Impossible, HAH!

After standing in line at the Reade Street Market for over an hour because the 20 people ahead of me were spending \$200 worth of pirate bucks on candy bars and tampons, I thought: Why don't Pirate Bucks roll over?

A new year, a new you: Until death do you part



Ben Cochran
OPINION COLUMNIST

It is a new year and I could not be more excited. Excited to be back at school; to have classes, a routine, a semblance of normalcy; and yes, even to have homework and projects.

Winter break is actually too long. There are a lot of little agitations that, given the length of the break, can mature into fully-fledged nuisances. There are weird family members with whom you're forced into close proximity for extended periods of time. There is the distinct and dreaded possibility of running into your ex when hanging out with some old high school friends. There are "thank you" cards to be written for genuinely impersonal gifts — gifts that you're just going to return. This act not only renders the aforementioned card as irreverent as the gift, but it also exposes holiday gift giving as a transparent charade. But then there is the ultimate in pretentious frivolity: the New Year's resolution. Essentially a drunkard's pledge, it commits the individual only slightly less than a current marriage vow. The origins are as follows:

In 153 B.C., the Roman senate

placed Janus at the beginning of the calendar. Janus was a mythical king who had two faces: one to look backward and one to look forward. Together, Janus's two faces allowed him to view the past and future simultaneously. This belief caused the Romans to exchange gifts with each other just prior to the new year. In addition to gift giving, Romans would also attempt to make peace with their enemies as well as resolve to better themselves. The hope was that Janus would observe these good deeds and resolutions and then bless them in the coming year.

My, how far we have fallen. We still make these resolutions of self-improvement; however, we do so with much less commitment. Researchers from the University of Scranton have found that 25 percent of all who make resolutions abandon them after the first week. After 6 months, over half of all resolutions admit defeat.

Most of us probably don't still cling to the superstitions of the ancient Romans. Our lack of dedication to New Year's resolutions is evidence of that.

But what if we did? What if a two-faced demigod were the perennial purveyor of blessings? I would imagine that our society would instantly overcome its fear of commitment and start truly applying itself to those New Year's resolutions. How much

faster would you run on that treadmill to seriously trim that waistline? How many pieces of Nicorette would you cram in your mouth to suppress that cigarette craving? Would we so flippantly throw in the towel if a supernatural bitch-slapping were the alternative?

Ultimately, I think society would be better off if we didn't cite our habitual cop-outs when the going gets tough. We need thinner people. We need fewer smokers. We need people with greater financial stability. There is nothing wrong with these sorts of resolutions.

But what's the point if we perpetually abandon these resolutions? 25 percent of you can't even last a week? I mean, you would just have to suck. Catholic schoolgirls do a better job retaining their virginity during their first month of college than that. But the reason why you annoy me so much is two-fold: a) you've deluded yourselves into actually thinking that this year will be different, and b) each January, your masses max the capacity of gyms everywhere, which makes it impossible to workout for the people who actually gave a damn for the other 11 months.

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"Life is moments going by, but if you don't grab them, they're gone. For a long time, the only moments that were available were bad ones. So now I make sure to grab the good ones."

GEORGE LOPEZ

Ring in the New Year



Stephanie Fu
OPINION COLUMNIST

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot and auld lang syne?"

Songs come and go as well as their hit artists of the time. Vanilla Ice tops the Billboard charts and then disappears. The Backstreet Boys have their claim to fame for a few good years, then they break up and fade in the background of other celebrities who jump at the opportunity to live in their limelight. This song, however, has stayed with our society year after year and is the signature for ringing in a new one.

Along with the sparkly and colorful festivities of the New Year, thankfulness for another year and hopeful resolutions to better oneself or one's life is traditional.

Popular resolutions can typically be organized into two categories. The first group of resolutions are those that deal with weight loss or a healthier lifestyle with eating or exercise routines — aspects of one's life that can physically be changed. Other resolutions focus on social aspects like, "I will be more open to meeting people" or even adventurous resolutions to try new things and gain new experiences.

The resolutions with weight or changing routines may be as simple as setting deadlines or actually changing that box of ice cream in the freezer to frozen yogurt.

The second category of resolutions are more complicated because they involve a mental change or changing one's attitude to being more open to new possibilities. But does this change happen instantly? How can all of a sudden after 20, 30 or more years, can you change your perspective of how you view school, work, relationships or life in general?

Obviously, something negative has happened in the past for one to want to change it for the better through a resolution in the New Year. Recently in Psychology Today, there was an article written about first experiences and how they shape someone.

As I was reading the article, I didn't believe that it necessarily pertained to this subject but then I thought about the cliché, "Your past defines you." While this is very true, if one is stuck in the past, they can never move forward. The article had many different parts describing first experiences like first loves, first deaths or first lies and how they can affect someone.

Susan Anderson, a psychologist from NYU, says, "Powerful first relationships can stamp a template in your mind that gets activated in later interactions."

She goes on to say that it is a complete human tendency to compare what we know to what we are learning.

The journalist, Jay Dixit, later writes, "That's the catch with first experiences... because they're memorable, they come readily to mind and we over-generalize when drawing conclusions about what kind of person we are."

The same over-generalizing can be done in every aspect unless we make this mental change and choose to only let part of the past define us.

If the past consumes too much of our focus, it will become impossible for us to move forward and make these New Year's resolutions come true. Yes, the past is a part of everyone, but the future will surely be different.

Perhaps the most crucial section of the article was the section that discussed the experience of success with valuable knowledge: "A single victory can transform your sense of self. By telling yourself, 'I've done this before, I can do it again,' you realize your ability to come through when it counts."

If anything, we should focus on the positive aspects of the past and remember them as we go forward in a new year. There may have been parts of a relationship that were not ideal but maybe it taught you to be stronger or have more self respect. Maybe the attitude of being scared of traveling held you back from trying new things but your cautiousness will help you be more responsible to go about trying new things the "right" or a better way.

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Our View

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New Year's renovations

If you haven't already heard, Chick-fil-a reopened Monday in Destination 360, so students are once again able to enjoy their chicken sandwiches and waffle fries.

Why, you ask, did Chick-fil-a move from the Croatan to 360? The Croatan is currently undergoing an expansion and renovation in order to transform the small dining area into a larger one that will include both Chick-fil-a and Chili's Too. This project will greatly increase the seating capacity of the Croatan, allowing for both private and public dining.

By building up the Croatan and adding a Chili's, ECU is welcoming its first restaurant-style eatery on campus. This is exciting because students who live on campus with limited transportation will be able to

break away from the monotony of dining hall food and treat themselves to heartier cuisine.

This also gives students the opportunity to eat real meals at practically any time, as opposed to having to follow the schedule set by the dining hall. So if you don't get hungry for dinner during the scheduled hours, you can go to Chili's and still be able to get something more reminiscent of a meal instead of going to 360 or the Galley and getting a sandwich or pizza.

Some feel that, like the fountain, Chili's is frivolous — a silly appropriation of funds that could have been used toward something more beneficial to the students. And admittedly, this opinion is easy to construct when you are missing the bigger picture. The old saying, "You have to spend money in order to make money,"

is certainly true in this case. Yes, ECU is spending money in order to renovate a building that essentially was fine the way that it was, but now ECU's campus will have a "real" restaurant. This will make our campus more attractive to prospective students and their parents, which could lead to more students enrolling and providing our school with more income. Aesthetic appeal can really play into the decision making process of future students; no one wants to attend a school with a drab campus.

A new restaurant will also provide the means for more jobs, which no one can complain about in this economy!

The Croatan is projected to reopen in January 2011, giving us something to look forward to in the next year as we kick off our new year!

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In 1892, Italy raised the minimum age for marriage for girls to 12.

In 1936, American track star Jesse Owens beat a racehorse over a 100-yard course. The horse was given a head start.

In 1938, Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel sold all rights to the comic-strip character Superman to their publishers for \$130.

Most of the vitamin C in fruits is in the skin.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

A bowling pin needs to tilt 7.5 degrees to fall.

The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood 30 feet.

A peanut is neither a nut nor a pea — it's a legume.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

In 1953, Marilyn Monroe appeared as the first Playboy centerfold.

In 1946, the first TV toy commercial aired. It was for Mr. Potato Head.

The pop you hear when you crack your knuckles is actually a bubble of gas bursting.

Your stomach needs to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it would digest itself.

The (you are here) arrow on a map is called the ideo locator.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache.

A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.

Human teeth are almost as hard as rocks.

Human thighbones are as strong as concrete.

Weightlifting first appeared in the original Olympic program in Athens in 1896. It reappeared in 1904, and since 1920, it's been permanently on the program.

There is about a quarter pound of salt in every gallon of seawater.

Six ounces of orange juice contains the minimum daily requirement for vitamin C.

Orange juice helps the body absorb iron easily when consumed with a meal.

In 1974, there were 90 tornadoes in the U.S. in one day.

In ancient religions, the Norsemen considered the mistletoe a baleful plant that caused the death of Baldur, the shining god of youth.

In Bangladesh, kids as young as 15 can be sent to jail for cheating on their finals.

In Brazil, Christmas is celebrated with fireworks.

In certain parts of India and ancient China, mouse meat was considered a delicacy.

In Disney's "Fantasia," the sorcerer's name is Yensid (Disney spelt backwards).

In England, the speaker of the house is not allowed to speak.

In English, four is the only digit that has the same number of letters as its value.

FEATURES

Nutrisystem[®] voted top diet of 2010

Marlana Sifter
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At the top of a list of 20, the well-advertised weight loss plan Nutrisystem has been voted by Topdierreview.com as the best overall diet of the new year. For this very reason, Nutrisystem is a popular recommendation for dieters coming out of the holiday season who are looking to shed their extra pounds.

The Web site WeighIns.com, which features users' comments on dieting, regularly accepts votes for best weight loss scheme. The result as of the beginning of 2010 shows that Nutrisystem is deemed most beneficial by 8,233 votes: over 200 more than its runner-up.

Nutrisystem is known for its excellent results as well as its delicious selection of over 160 foods and its affordability. In addition, Nutrisystem is extremely convenient. Users can go to Nutrisystem's Web site and choose the diet plan that fits their needs and lifestyle. Then, users can create their own 28-day menu or choose one of the pre-selected Favorite Foods Packages. Afterwards, the food is conveniently delivered to their home.

The lower price is what separates Nutrisystem from rivals such as Jenny Craig and Weight Watchers. Users can expect to lose one to two pounds each week while in the clinically tested program, which is designed to control hunger by administering a meal plan that is nutritionally balanced. They follow either the men's or the women's system, as well as a sub-category of Basic, Silver, Diabetic or Vegetarian.

WeighIns contributor Monica, who was initially concerned about how the food would taste, said that the entire program, along with the food, was surprisingly good. "I also like that I don't have to count calories or spend a lot of time preparing meals. I have been really good about completing the daily logs online (meals, exercise, water,



Nutrisystem was voted America's top weight loss diet for 2010 according to WeighIns.com.

etc.). They keep you on track."

For those wanting to invest a large amount of effort in a relatively small period of time, this diet program, along with many of its competitors, is the perfect quick fix to the potentially fatal condition of being overweight.

Number two on the list is the medically recommended Medifast system, which is supported by over 20,000 doctors across the

country. This plan consists of a health coach, membership to a chat room where fellow dieters compare results and experiences, and a reasonable diet plan fee of \$10 a day. All necessary nutrients and vitamins are portioned for participants, and the food is considered adequate.

"Not everything is delicious, but it is edible and doable if you are determined to actually stick with

it" said WeighIns member Anna. "By the way, the new 'parmesan cheese balls' are awesome."

Bistro MD, at number three, is a plan of doctor-designed gourmet meals, which are guaranteed to be the best-tasting diet food that is deliverable. This chef-prepared, doctor-approved cuisine is helpful for dieters who can't find the time to cook nutritious meals for themselves. The plan also

boasts impressive results of quick weight loss that equal or beat those reported by Nutrisystem members.

At number four, Joy's LIFE Diet is a program authored by Joy Bauer, nutrition and health expert of the Today Show. Dieters are given the option to follow a pre-designed plan, or to create their own using the meal choices provided. This plan is ideal for those needing to lose 100 pounds or more who need assistance learning new eating habits and healthy eating patterns for life. Joy's LIFE Diet is available online, as well as in Spanish and as an e-Book.

Voted number five is the Jillian Michaels diet. A trainer from the show "Biggest Loser," Jillian Michaels offers her personalized diet plan to people who want to combine exercise, attitude and dieting to reach a realistic goal weight. It is an online weight loss plan that calculates individual daily caloric intake based on an introductory quiz, and then schedules a program for the dieter that allows them to expend more calories each day than they intake. The calculations are based off body shape, metabolic profile, emotional tendencies, fitness level, personal goals and health conditions.

The South Beach Diet, at number six, is a carbohydrate diet often compared to Atkins. Created by preventive cardiologist Dr. Agatston, the time-consuming but worthwhile process consists of three phases: eliminate cravings, lose weight steadily and maintain weight for life. One South Beach dieter, Amy, reported that the food is good, and that after three days she had already lost four pounds, but that "I am hungry all the time, though, and I pee constantly."

With just over 2,100 votes, at number seven, the Sonoma Diet is considered the most flavorful weight loss plan under the sun. It

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Buying textbooks online proves to save money

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As a new semester begins, students are required to spend excessive amounts of money on textbooks, some of which will never be used throughout the semester. Even though many professors claim that their books are required, it doesn't always mean they will be used, so why spend \$400 or more on unused textbooks?

Many online sites offer discounted new as well as used books, many of them cheaper than the books found in the campus bookstores.

Among the numerous sites used to buy and sell books online are Amazon.com, Half.com, Betterworldbooks.com, Chegg.com and Helplinebooks.com. There are also other alternatives to buying textbooks; some sites allow students to rent books for a certain number of days, which eliminates the stress of trying to sell back books.

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NCC's casino night to take place Jan. 15

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ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

For fans of poker, black jack and roulette, North Campus Crossing will be the place to be Friday night. The apartment complex will be hosting their first casino night on Jan. 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the gym.

"This is our first ever casino night and it's going to be huge," said Jaimie Daniels, marketing director for NCC. "Huge" seems to be accurate, as the gym will be outfitted with 25-30 card tables, complete with a professional dealer

at each table. Daniels also went on to add that the casino night will probably become an annual event.

What makes this casino night different from others is the fact that there will be no actual cash involved, except for the prizes. Each player will be given 20 chips when they arrive and those ending up with the most at the end of the night will win prizes. "Each person gets 20 chips, and its up to them to make or break them," said Daniels. She added, "We will have all cash prizes ... \$250 for first prize, \$125

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Healthy Living

A tall, cold one

Yes, this refreshing blend of water, barley, hops and yeast can be good for you, provided you drink in moderation.

A beer a day

- One study suggests that drinking a beer a day may reduce heart attack risk; another study found that heart patients who had a beer daily lived longer
- Beer is a good source of folate, an important B vitamin, as well as of niacin, magnesium and potassium
- Of course, while one is good, four or five aren't better; heavy drinking — more than 21 a week for women, 35 for men — can cause serious health problems
- Pregnant and nursing women, people with gout should avoid beer; diabetics, the chronically ill and those on medications should talk with their doctor

Source: Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, U.S. Department of Agriculture, About.com, MCT Photo Service
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Healthy Living

Two popular low-carb foods

A comparison of two protein-rich foods often relied on by people who are following a low-carbohydrate weight loss diet:

	Hard-boiled eggs, 2 large	Tuna, packed in water, 3.5 oz. (35 g)
Calories	310	115 g
Carbohydrate	2.2 g	None
Protein	25 g	26 g
Fat, total	21 g	0.8 g

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ECU All-Stars dance team seeks to promote unity through dance and community service

Pirates express themselves through the arts

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ECU has many organizations available to incoming and current Pirates. From intramural sports to guilds, any student can find a place to share his or her interests with fellow peers. One group, however, is seeking to carve a different niche for its members.

ECU All-Stars dance team was created in August 2009 and has been going strong ever since. The group combines dance with service and seeks to give back to the community through its philanthropic donations and community service. The group focuses on modern, lyrical and jazz dance and plans to compete all over North Carolina this coming spring.

The group's choreographer,



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ECU All-Stars dance team gathers for a photo during the holidays.

senior Monica Williams, is optimistic in regards to the group's skills: "We are holding tryouts to get a larger group, but the girls we have are amazing and very talented." Williams was a member of the ECU Dance team and brings a positive energy to the group. "It is impor-

tant to motivate and support your members. It keeps them driven to succeed not only for the team, but also for themselves," said Williams.

The team also focuses on academics and makes sure that all members are succeeding in the classroom and on the dance floor by

allowing ample time for schoolwork and test preparation. The executive board of the team checks members' grade point averages and academically coach members who are struggling through tough courses. The team also volunteers their time to community involvement and has performed at three local rest homes for senior citizens.

Their Christmas selections were geared toward an older generation and received great crowd response due to the memories the songs themselves created for the rest home residents. In the spring, the team will continue to perform at local rest homes and volunteer at the Food Bank of North Carolina and other non-profit organizations. The group collected food for The Redmond-Willoughby Foundation, a non-profit that aids senior citizens in Wake, Lenoir, Craven and Pitt counties during the Thanksgiving holiday.

On Jan. 20 and 22, the team will hold Spring tryouts in the Social room in Mendenhall Student Center at 6 p.m.

"We want new girls to know that we are a welcoming group. Our motto is 'Diversity through Dance' and we really do accept girls of all shapes and sizes. Dance is our art and our passion and we want to share it with others who love dance just much as we do," said Williams.

The audition is open to all ECU students; however, the team prefers to have girls who have had dance experience in the past in order to avoid re-teaching dance skills. The team is looking forward to a new year filled with more team bonding activities, competitions, performances and volunteer projects. ECU All-Stars is truly a group that exemplifies the motto "to serve."

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is a version of the health-promoting Mediterranean diet, and therefore includes a large selection of vegetables, as well as some wine and cheese. Sonoma's emphasis is on teaching dieters to eat generous amounts of foods that boost vitality, protect the heart and improve overall health. Online tools, supports and daily motivation are provided.

Dr. Barry Sears' Zone Diet, at number eight, is based on his 15 years of research in bio nutrition. To "eat in the zone," members seek to achieve a foundation for optimal hormonal balance, and a healthy intake of Omega-3 products and polyphenols.

In ninth place, the Duke Diet and Fitness Online Weight-Loss Program is based off the methods of Duke Diet and Fitness Center in Durham, N.C. Its four basic keys -- nutrition, fitness, behavioral health and medical health -- are the same as those applied by the proven approach to weight loss at the center.

At 10th place, Healthy Living with Ellie Krieger makes losing weight easy as dieters enjoy wholesome, balanced foods. Krieger, a Food Network chef, uses her own recipes to teach people how to make healthy habits, easy exercise and gradual changes. This online program provides week-by-week guides and supports with a customized plan that can be followed daily.

Coming in places 11 through 20 in the vote for top diets of the new year were Dr. Seigel's Cookie Diet, Denise Austin, GetSlim by Freshology, eDiets, Proactol, Diet.com, Jenny Craig, Weight Watchers, Atkins Diet and at number 20, Alli Diet Pills.

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TEC gets an upgrade

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With the ever-changing needs and demands of students, the faculty and student staff of The East Carolinian has decided it is time for a change. On Jan. 7, The East Carolinian launched its new Web site.

The East Carolinian uses College Publisher, owned by MTV, as its forum for the Internet use and has been under contract with College Publisher since June of 2006. Currently, with the upgrade, the newspaper will switch to the newest version College Publisher has to offer. Paul Saleska, the former web editor of The East Carolinian, said the upgrade is "going to allow for new features and increase our capability of sharing media with viewers. It has the ability to be more than a digital form of the print version -- which is pretty much what it is now."

New features for the Web site will include an interactive calendar of daily campus events, a front-page PDF version of the printed newspaper and links for easy submissions such as Pirate Rants, which are infamous amongst TEC readers.

The East Carolinian will now be able to update the site daily, making the newspaper more competitive with the other media in Greenville.

ECU Student Media Adviser Paul Isom said the Web site "has the potential to be an added revenue source. It also is a place where breaking news can be posted even when there's no print edition. Back in the day, a newspaper had no way to compete with TV and radio on breaking news. But with a Web site, a newspaper can break news 24/7 just like a television station can. It gives the paper one more way to be the dominant news source in its market."

Problems with the previous Web site have led to the professional and student staff to revise the policies on online commenting. With College Publisher 4, almost anyone can comment on a story under an anonymous name without any sort of identification method. This has led to hundreds of online comments that are demeaning and inappropriate, but with nobody to accredit the comment to.

Under the upgrade, the prefer-

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Chegg.com. At Chegg.com, students are able to rent textbooks for a certain number of days. Many books are on Chegg.com and can be rented for less than half of the bookstore's price. Unfortunately, students are unable to sell back rented books; however, book rental can save students hundreds of dollars. Chegg also plants a tree for every book that is sold, rented or bought and claims to be very environmentally friendly.

Helpneedbooks.com. This site is one of the most helpful. It only

requires students to put in the title, author or ISBN number, and it will generate the different prices from several different sites. This eliminates the hassle of manually going to each site and trying to find the best price. This site is also convenient because it generates many sites that are not used as much, which sometimes have the lowest priced book.

When buying books online, most of the sites also offer students the option to sell back their textbooks. Selling books back to

university bookstores will hardly get students half of what they paid for. In addition, it is smart to wait until after the first day of classes to be sure the book will actually be used; there is nothing worse than spending \$80 on a psychology book and never even opening it.

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for second prize, and \$75 for third."

Unlike some of North Campus Crossing's events, guests are allowed to come with residents. Each resident of NCC is allowed to bring up to two guests to this event. Because the gym will be set up like a casino, all guests must be over the age of 18. Guests of residents are also still eligible to win prizes. Since NCC is sponsoring the

event, there will be a special perk for residents. At the end of the night, those who have renewed their leases by that point will be entered in a prize drawing. At 10 p.m., a name will be drawn to receive a \$320 Wilco gas card or a \$350 Coach gift card. This is simply another way for the complex to show their appreciation to their residents, as those who have renewed thus far have already been given \$300 cash.

Prior to the drawing, the apartment complex has provided many other fun activities for guests who are not crazy about card games. "We will have a DJ, dancing, a soda bar and food," said Daniels. All finger foods and appetizers, as well as the soda bar, will be complimentary.

DJ Gare, who was North Campus Crossing's DJ for the complex's Halloween costume contest and Bob's barefoot by the pool

event, will also be the DJ for the casino night.

Sarah Brock, NCC's property manager, commented on the event by saying, "Our residents have been asking for a casino night for three years, so we have made this one of our biggest events!"

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Hudson officially named to Florida State staff



Greg Hudson, who has served as ECU's defensive coordinator for the past five seasons, has officially been appointed assistant head coach defense/linebacker's coach at Florida State University. First-year Seminole head coach Jimbo Fisher made the announcement Wednesday.

Hudson, who joined the Pirate staff shortly after Skip Holtz' arrival in December 2004, initially coached safeties before guiding the linebacking position beginning in 2006.

"We're all excited for Greg and the opportunity he has in front of him," ECU head football coach Skip Holtz said. "At the same time, we certainly owe him a debt of gratitude for his efforts to our program — there's no question Greg impacted Pirate Football in many ways while he was here. I respect and support his decision to do what he feels is in the best interest of his career and family. Needless to say, I'm happy for Greg and wish him nothing but the best." Hudson's 20-year career also includes full-time stops at Minnesota (2001-04), Cincinnati (1997-2000), Connecticut (1994-96) and the University of Redlands (1990-1992).

Former golfers named to CAA Anniversary team

Former ECU golfers Josh Dickinson and John Maginnes have been named to the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Men's Golf Silver Anniversary team. A panel of current and former conference coaches selected the team. Dickinson and Maginnes helped the Pirates win seven CAA titles, including five-straight from 1990-94, during the league's first decade. Maginnes was named CAA Player-of-the-Year in 1991, as was Dickinson in 1994. Both players excelled during the league's championship event. Maginnes earned medalist honors in 1991 and posted a second-place finish in 1990. Dickinson posted top-five finishes at three consecutive CAA Championships (1993-95) and took home individual medalist honors in 1994. The Pirates' seven CAA Championships ranks second behind only VCU's eight titles as the most in league history.



ECU wide receiver Dwayne Harris dives into the endzone for an early third quarter touchdown on a 13-yard reception.

TRAVIS BARTLETT THE EAST CAROLINIAN

Missed kicks doom ECU in 20-17 overtime loss

Pirates defense holds Arkansas to 283 total yards

AP

Alex Tejada kicked the ball through the uprights, turned around and ran toward the opposite end of the field. His Arkansas teammates chased him all the way to the end zone amid a wild scene of celebration and relief.

Tejada's 37-yard field goal in overtime gave Arkansas a 20-17 win in the Liberty Bowl on Saturday night after ECU's Ben Hartman missed two field goal attempts late in regulation and another in the extra session. Tejada, who missed an overtime kick in a loss to LSU to end the regular season, redeemed himself by helping the Razorbacks overcome the upset-minded Pirates.

"I was pretty confident," Tejada said. "I felt like the wind was blowing really favorably that way, so going into overtime I felt good about our chances to win the game. Once I stepped up, I had all the confidence that it was going to go through."

Tejada missed a crucial kick

in a loss to Florida in October, and his miss against LSU prevented the Razorbacks from forcing a second overtime.

"He took a lot of heat all year, and he stepped up and made a play in a big game," Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallett said. "The team stuck behind him during the whole season when all you guys were yapping at him. We're a team, and we stuck behind him."

Tejada missed from 43 yards in the fourth quarter Saturday, but his struggles were nothing compared with Hartman's. The East Carolina senior missed four attempts in all, each at the same end of the field. He was short from 45 yards in the first quarter, then hit the left upright from 39 yards with 1:03 remaining in regulation with the score tied.

He missed from 39 yards again on the final play of the fourth quarter, then missed from 35 in overtime.

Arkansas (8-5) had won only two of its previous 14 bowls, and the Razorbacks insisted they were unusually focused on this one. It didn't show. Arkansas' vaunted offense had the ball for only 22:05. Mallett was named

most valuable player, but he went only 15 of 36 for 202 yards and a touchdown.

"We never did find a good rhythm and we didn't execute as well as we're used to, but we stayed in there and kept working," Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino said. "We beat them. That's what it is all about. I'm not sure who outplayed who, but we won the game."

The Liberty Bowl is right across the Mississippi River from Arkansas, but the Razorbacks were playing in the game for the first time since 1987. Except for a small section of purple in one corner, the crowd was a sea of Arkansas red.

Those fans watched their team go 0 of 13 on third down. The low point came toward the end of regulation: After Hartman's miss with just over a minute remaining, the Razorbacks went three-and-out in only 29 seconds, allowing the Pirates (9-5) to set up Hartman again.

This potential game-winner went wide right.

Hartman's field goal and two extra points in the game were enough to break the school's

career scoring record, but that was small consolation.

"If you said you were going to have your all-time leading scorer with an opportunity to win it, who has won a bunch of game-winners for you during his career here, he was the one soul I would have picked," ECU coach Skip Holtz said. "It's unfortunate."

Hartman wasn't made available to reporters afterward.

ECU lost in the Liberty Bowl for the second straight season. Last time it was a late fumble return by Kentucky that did in the Pirates.

Dominique Lindsay rushed for 151 yards on 33 carries for ECU. His 3-yard touchdown run opened the scoring in the second quarter, ending a 99-yard drive by the Pirates. It was 10-0 at halftime, the first time the Razorbacks had been shut out in the first half since September against Alabama.

Arkansas had been averaging 37 points per game.

The Razorbacks tied it in the third quarter with a defensive touchdown when Tramain Thomas intercepted a pass and ran 37 yards to the end zone.

ECU took the lead again on Patrick Pinkney's 13-yard touchdown pass to Dwayne Harris with 5:52 left in the third. Arkansas answered 36 seconds later when Mallett threw a 41-yard scoring pass to Jarius Wright to make it 17-11.

Still, it was a struggle for the Razorbacks, who became only the second major college team this season to win without converting a third down. Colorado State went 0 for 8 while beating Weber State in September, according to STATS LLC.

"When they go 0 for 13 on third downs, it's a pretty good day for what you are doing defensively," said Holtz, whose father Lou once coached the Razorbacks.

Pinkney, a sixth-year senior, went 17 of 33 for 209 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

The last time Arkansas played in the Liberty Bowl, the Razorbacks lost to Georgia 20-17 on a last-second field goal by John Kasay. That kick was from 39 yards, the same distance as Hartman's fourth-quarter misses.

Pirates still successful despite Liberty Bowl loss

OPINION



Jared Jackson
SPORTS EDITOR

It wasn't supposed to end this way, but then it did.

A year after watching point-blank Kentucky's Ventrell Jenkins rumble 56 yards down the sidelines for the game-winning touchdown following ECU running back Norman Whitley's fumble in a 25-19 Wildcats victory in the 2009 AutoZone Liberty Bowl; I just knew that if the Pirates were fortunate enough to return to Memphis this year, then they would prevail.

And for almost the entirety of this year's contest, ECU, from little Conference USA, and Arkansas, from the almighty Southeastern Conference, had swapped places.

Skip Holtz and Co. just wanted the game more. They wanted to prove to the nation that the ECU brand of football was legitimate and during the course of this year's Liberty Bowl, the Pirates had nailed that message home.

The only thing ECU couldn't hold down, however, was the final score.

No matter that the Pirates had held the Razorbacks to only 283 yards of total offense and NFL-caliber gunslinger and eventual, albeit questionable, Liberty Bowl MVP Ryan Mallett to 15-of-36 for 202 yards and touchdown.

ECU just couldn't break through when it counted.

When the Pirates' Ben Hartman lined up for a 39-yard field goal with a minute and three seconds remaining, a contest knotted at 17, my only worry was to not leave the Razorbacks too much time on the clock.

Then Hartman's attempt hit the left upright and Arkansas got the ball back with a chance to drive its way down the field to set up a game-winning attempt of its own.

All the joy, all the jubilation that had inherited its way somehow to the Pirates sideline and crowd section had suddenly been silenced.

Need not worry as the ECU defense buckled down and with three seconds remaining on the scoreboard, Hartman had his redeeming kick.

The spirit on the sideline, while wild in nature before, had been amped up a 1,000 more decimal levels.

In a sold-out stadium filled with around 90 percent of Arkansas' most faithful fans present, Hartman had a second chance with about a minute remaining to seal ECU's fate once again.

Caught up in the spirit of the moment, I paced my way to just behind the right upright so I could remember this historic moment forever.

Then as Hartman's kick approached the uprights, the line held consistent and the dividing line between regulation and overtime was no less than a foot as the 39-yard attempt was wide right.

As for overtime, the Pirate Nation and all of college football enthusiasts know what happened.

ECU received the ball first



TRAVIS BARTLETT THE EAST CAROLINIAN

ECU kicker Ben Hartman reacts after missing one his game-winner chances in the Liberty Bowl.

and Hartman missed another field goal — this time from 35 yards out.

Arkansas received the ball and on fourth down, its kicker Alex Tejada delivered a perfect kick right down the uprights from 37 yards out to give the Razorbacks the 20-17 overtime victory.

While the blame for the loss might fall on Hartman, and perhaps deservedly so, neither one of his kicks was a chip shot.

Every one of his three missed attempts at the end of the game had to be calculated perfectly.

A 15-degree wind chill made the football feel like a rock and with swirling wind, this year's version of the Liberty

Bowl was much like the elements you would expect at a Chicago Bear's game.

While the Tejada's game-winner was downright perfect, let's not compare apples and oranges to Hartman's late game flubs.

When you're the kicker of a football team, it's always and forever going to be about "what have you done about me lately?"

It's easy to forget Hartman's 34-yard game-winner against No. 24 Boise State in the 2008 Sheraton Hawaii Bowl or his 39-yard winner against North Carolina earlier that season.

Hartman has never been known as the most reliable kicker, but when the game's on the line, ECU's all-time leading

scorer has each and every time come through.

From a fan's perspective, this year's loss will come down as just one in the annals of ECU football history. For Hartman, this was perhaps his last meaningful kick.

As season's come and go, fan's will forget about this year's season-concluding loss.

Hartman on the other hand will never escape the torment of the waning minutes of the Liberty Bowl.

That's truly a sad footnote in an otherwise great career of a great Pirate.

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Herd too much for Pirates in Conference opener, 84-65

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The ECU men's basketball team dropped their Conference USA home opener with 84-65 loss to Marshall Saturday night.

Damier Pitts scored a team high 17 for the Herd (13-2, 2-0 C-USA) in route to their fourth consecutive victory over the Pirates.

Brock Young's game high 26 points went to waste as the Pirates (6-10, 0-2 C-USA) dropped their fourth game in their last five outings.

Marshall really dominated the Pirates from the beyond the arc. The Thundering Herd was 11-23 from deep, compared to just 2-13 for the Pirates.

"They shot the ball better from three than they did from the field and you do not ever expect that," ECU head coach Mack McCarthy said after the game. "It seemed like when they got an open look, they knocked it down. We had enough good looks to stay with them, but we missed a lot of open shots that could have made some difference in this game."

The Pirates did well to keep



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Pirate point guard Brock Young drives to the basket in Saturday's loss to Marshall.

the game close in the first half. After Darryl Maerthie put the visitors up by 13 with three and a half to play in the opening frame, ECU went on an 11-6 run to end the half, capped by a three at the buzzer by Jontae Sherrod.

That sent the teams into locker rooms with ECU trailing

by eight 40-32.

But if the last three minutes of the first half gave the 4,500 fans in Minges Coliseum hope for the second, it was quickly abated by Marshall's fast-paced attack. Less than five minutes into the half, the Pirates found themselves down by 12 at 35-47.

Young hit a pair of free throws with two and a half minutes left to play to bring ECU again within 12, but that would be as close as the Pirates would get. Marshall ended the game on an 8-2 run to bring their season record to 13-2 and 2-0

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learned in the past year, it's that some things happen for no reason at all. Sometimes, luck runs out. Sometimes, things just aren't meant to be.

Where I was pretty devastated following last year's Liberty Bowl loss to Kentucky in which the Pirates were up 16-3 at the half, this year's go around was less harsh on the nerves.

If your kicker misses three sub-40 yard attempts in an effort to win a game and fails to come through, it shouldn't be that heart-breaking. Just chalk that up in the "not meant to be category."

There was no need for the "Ben Hartman: Stay in Memphis" thread on Facebook or all the other hateful comments that Internet snipers can take at a kid behind the use of aliases on certain message boards.

After all asides from Hartman's missed kicks and a pair of interceptions from ECU signal caller Patrick Pinkney, the Pirates played a perfect game.

Many wondered how the ECU defensive secondary would fair against Mallet after allowing Houston's Case Kneenum to throw for 527 yards and five touchdowns, albeit three interceptions, in the Pirates' 38-32 win over the Cougars in the C-USA Championship game.

ECU answered critics' questions with arguably the finest defensive performance thus far during the Holtz era.

This was only fitting in the fact that it was the defensive unit's last game under the direction of Greg Hudson, who is leaving to be assistant head coach defense/linebacker's coach at Florida State University.

Amidst all the positives and negatives that the Liberty Bowl bought ECU this year, perhaps the best silver lining is respect.

Over the course of his career at ECU, running back Dominique Lindsay has almost each and ever time I've spoken to him used some phrase about the Pirates' program searching for respect or trying to garner that respect he believes it deserves.

As the players walked off of the field following the heart-breaking loss to Arkansas, many were misty-eyed, some were angry, but most had this puzzled, bewildered look upon their faces.

It's been more than a week later, and that look and the feelings of a missed opportunity have yet to be erased.

Building a football program is about more than just wins and losses; it's about tradition, graduation rates and most of all, about setting young men up to be successful in life following their athletic career.

For two-straight years, ECU has walked off the field at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium as losers.

But sooner rather than later, the Pirates will travel back from Memphis with a win — but until then, they'll have to settle for respect.

As an Arkansas fan told me on Beale Street after the game, "Man, I'm glad we don't have to play you guys every year. We got beat [today] ... we got lucky."

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glued up on the shooters. So when I penetrate, shooters don't (get open) and we just couldn't get a rhythm."

McCarthy added, "Brock is such a competitive guy, he's got to kind of be careful that he doesn't try to do so much that everybody stands around and watches him, which we do on occasion. When no one else is getting anything done, he can take over and do some things. But we didn't help him much tonight."

No doubt the Pirates had a rough night shooting. Their 39 percent from the field couldn't even match the 47 percent shot by the Herd from beyond the arc. The only joy ECU could find was in the paint, where Darius Marrow scored 15 and pulled down 7 rebounds for the Pirates. Chad Wynn also added eight points and four boards for the Pirates.

But other than that, there wasn't much going right on either end of the floor for ECU. Pitts was one of four Marshall players to score in double digits, while two others scored nine.

It was the ninth time this season ECU has failed to hold their opponent under 80 points and the 12th time this season the Pirates have failed to put up 75.

The Pirates will try to reverse their current fortunes Wednesday night when they travel to Memphis to take on the Tigers.

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Lady Pirates conclude strong week with defeat of C-USA champ UCF

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With the football season over, another group of Pirates have begun their hunt for the Conference USA crown.

The ECU women's basketball team (14-2 overall, 3-0 C-USA) began conference play with a 78-54 win over Marshall last week and kept the ball rolling with a 76-50 thrashing of Southern Miss on Friday and a 73-62 win over last season's conference tournament champion, UCF Knights, Sunday afternoon.

Defense was the name of the game Sunday as the Pirates held pre-season C-USA Player-of-the-Year Emma Cannon to just nine points.

"They are a real good team so we had to keep our hands up and move a lot and we've really been practicing that," ECU sophomore Chareya Smith said following the victory.

The Lady Pirates got off to their usual hot start, jumping out to an early 13-6 lead. The Knights pulled within two before ECU could put together another run, stretching the lead to 22-14.

Ashley Clarke was part of the first 15 points for the Pirates, scoring eight of her own and assisting on each of the three other scores. Clarke's sixth assist of the first half came on Allison Spivey's jumper as time expired, putting the halftime score 37-30 in favor of ECU.

The Lady Pirates continued to put the pressure on, forcing 31 turnovers and never giving up the lead. ECU reached its largest lead at 73-54 before subbing out the line-up to a standing ovation.

Head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener, whose team is a perfect 9-0 at home, commented about the crowd following Sunday's win.

"The students were great today, the crowd was loud and I think it really makes a difference ... it really helps and really gives us a home-court advantage."

Clarke led the team with 19 points and 11 assists. Kim Gay and Spivey also reached double-figure scoring, while freshman Ariana Jackson paced the team with seven rebounds.

The Lady Pirates cruised to a win over the Southern Miss Golden Eagles Friday evening. The Golden Eagles, who played for the conference title against UCF last season, feature C-USA Pre-Season All-American Pauline Love.

Love scored 16 points and pulled down a game-high 18 rebounds.

ECU featured their great depth Friday evening, listing 12 different players in the scoring column. Allison Spivey led the team with 15 points. Chareya Smith also scored in double figures with 11, while pulling down 10 rebounds for her first career double-double.

"I'm always going to go out there and play hard but I know that Crystal (Wilson) can come off the bench, that Shala (Hodges) can come off the bench or anybody and I know they have my back," Spivey commented regarding the depth of the squad.

Head coach Baldwin-Tener called this the "best team that she has coached here," with emphasis on team.

The Lady Pirates led 35-17 at the half and stretched to their largest lead at 72-42. ECU bested USM in rebounds, shooting, assists and steals.

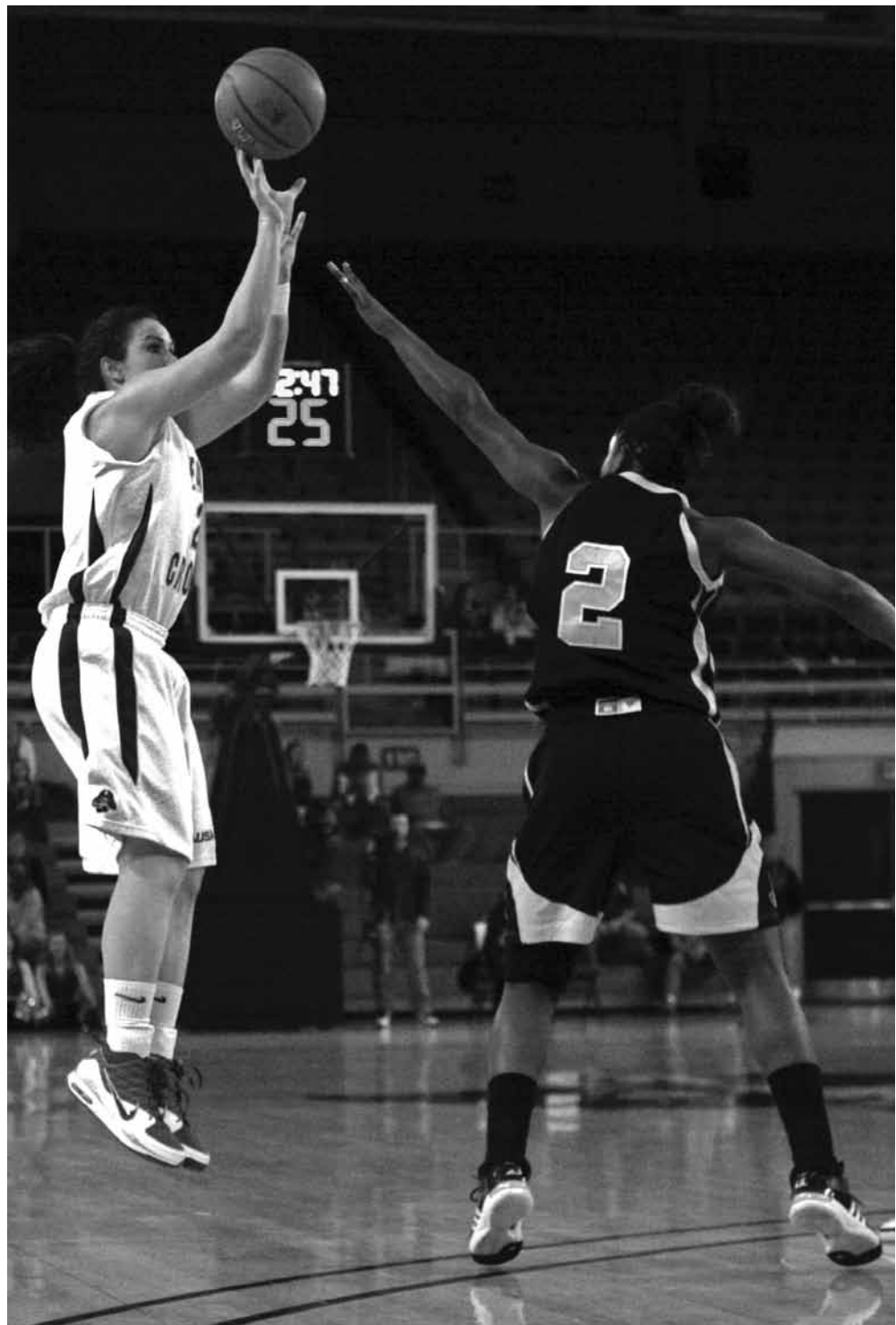
ECU's 14-2 start is the best in school history since the 1972-73 team won its first 18 games. The dominating fashion of the wins marks the first time the Pirates have won three-straight conference games by double-digits.

Jean Best jumped to 10th overall on the Lady Pirates' all-time block list with 62 in her short career. Allison Spivey continues her quest for the team's all-time three-point field goal record; she currently sits number six on the list.

The Lady Pirates hit the road for their next three games, starting with the Houston Cougars, whom ECU is 0-8 all-time against.

The team then travels to Rice and then SMU to take on last season's regular season champions. ECU returns to Minges Coliseum Jan. 28 to face the UAB Blazers.

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ECU guard Allison Spivey shoots a three during Sunday's win over UCF.

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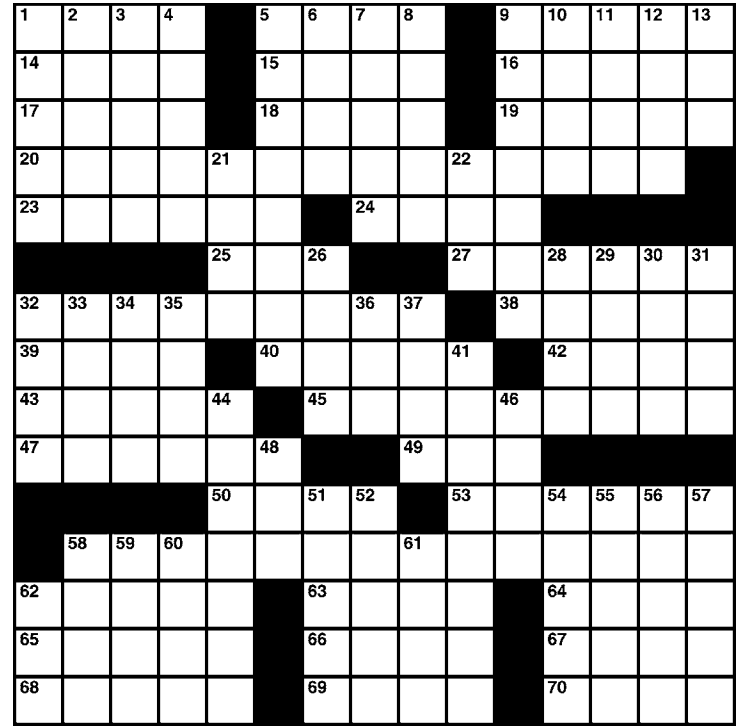
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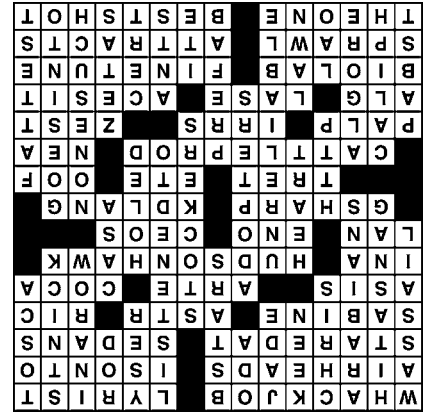
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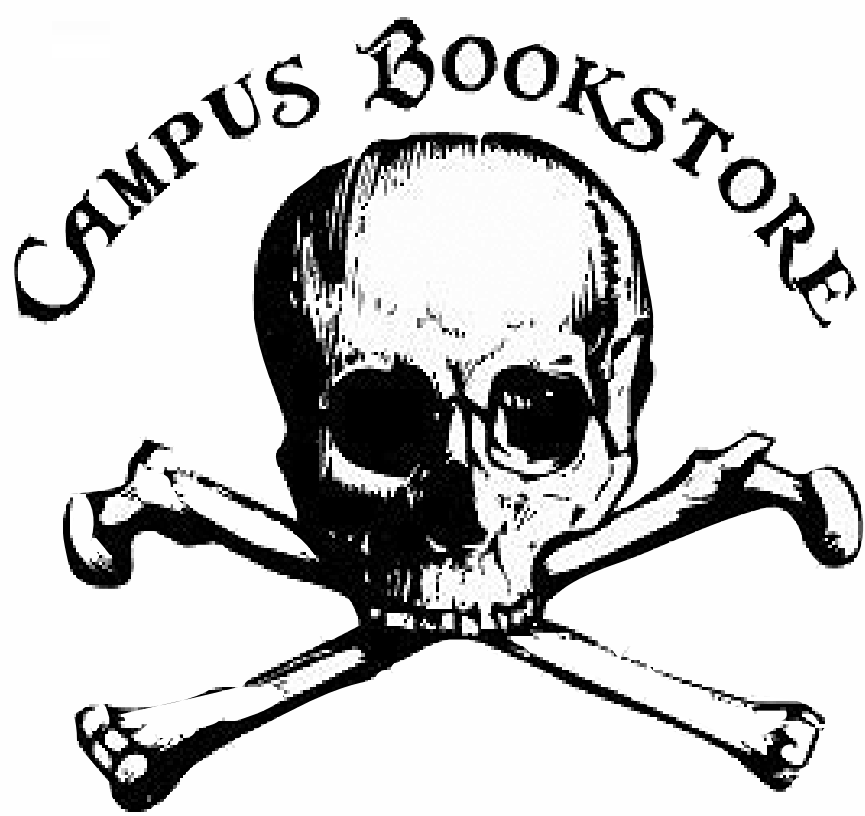


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